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A new theme is to force Ukraine to make peace. This is undoubtedly one of the dumbest ideas to emerge from the war. The Gaetz proposal would cut off US aid (now audited) to try to force a peace deal. This thread sets out the reasons why this is nonsense:

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PUBLIC LAW 117-128—MAY 21, 2022 136 STAT. 1223

(b) Funds made available to the Government of Ukraine as a cash transfer under subsection (a) shall be subject to a memorandum of understanding that describes how the funds proposed to be made available will be used and includes appropriate safeguards for transparency and accountability: *Provided*, That such assistance shall be maintained in a separate, auditable account and may not be comingled with any other funds. Memorandum.

(c) At least 15 days prior to the initial obligation of funds made available for the purposes of subsection (a), the Secretary of State or the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, as appropriate, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report detailing procedures and processes to ensure such funds are used by the Government of Ukraine in the manner agreed to by such Government, including details on the memorandum of understanding and appropriate safeguards for transparency and accountability required by subsection (b), if applicable: *Provided*, That such report shall be updated every six months following the submission of the first report and shall be submitted until funds made available for such direct financial support are expended. Time periods.  
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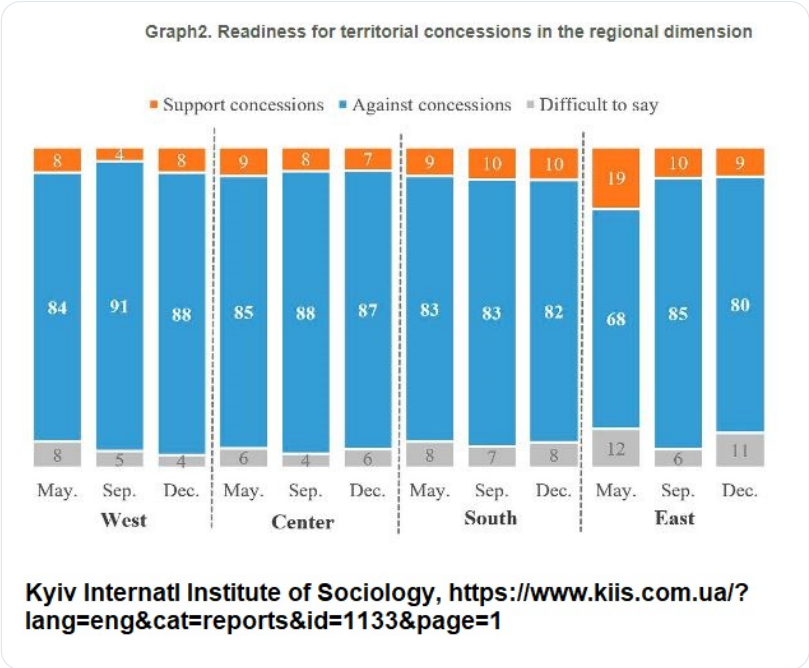
What would the US gain by this: a reduction of \$22-30 B a year in expenditures over 4-5 yrs. About 6-7% of the annual DOD budget. A savings that could come from trillions in other wasteful spending and which would not make a dent in anything. /2



How would it work? UKR loses aid: Russia then says starting peace talks depend upon UKR giving up all occupied land. With aid cut, Russia would increase its demands for surrender even more. Certain outcome: Create crazy peace conditions and keep fighting a weakened UKR./2



Can UKR surrender occupied land to Russia? Ukrainians overwhelmingly say no. They understand the sacrifice of war (they pay a real price) but they know Russian occupation is not "peace."/3



Why do so many Ukrainians feel that way? Because they understand the fate of everyone in occupied UKR. Russian occupation is brutal, cruel and totally barbaric. /4



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The overwhelming evidence of Russian war crimes in Ukraine together with the openly genocidal intent on display in Moscow mean nobody claim they did not know about Putin's Ukrainian Genocide, writes ...

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/ukrainealert/vladimir-putins-ukrainian-genocide-n...>

Ukrainians know that for Russia, even if "peace" was agreed to, it would end as soon as Putin felt he could take advantage of it. A piece of paper will not stop Russia, only the military reality will stop him./5



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Russian propagandist explaining why negotiations, at this point, are nothing but a ruse that would allow Russia to prepare for the next invasion



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Meanwhile in Russia: accused war criminal Zakhar Prilepin—who spends a lot of time on the frontlines and previously boasted of "killing many" in Ukraine—admits that Russia wants to negotiate merely to regroup and finish fighting later, any potential peace accords notwithstanding.



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Some Americans act like this is a territorial dispute that needs to be compromised. Russia. US and UKR had an agreement, which Russia ignored in 2014 and again in 2022. Paper means nothing to Putin./6

**Budapest Memorandum** - signed 1994 by Russia:  
In exchange for giving up its nuclear arsenal, Ukraine received **binding security assurances** to respect its independence and sovereignty which guaranteed its existing borders. China and France extended similar assurances to Ukraine.

**It was understood, if a violation, there would be a response incumbent on the US and the UK.**

So does this mean an "endless" war with Russia and no endgame in sight? Absolutely not. Russia is running out of means to wage the war. Continuing the current course will lead to a UKR win and an actual or de facto "peace" by 2024./7

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'No other outcome except Russian defeat': Ben Hodges, former US Army Cdr in Europe.

"It's too early to plan a victory parade in Kyiv but the momentum is with Ukraine now and there is no doubt in my mind that they will win this war, probably in 2023."



bbc.com  
Ukraine war: Five ways conflict could go in 2023  
As the conflict enters its second calendar year, experts predict what could happen on the ground.













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## Russia's losses as of Feb. 9

Source: Indicative estimates by Ukraine's Armed Forces as of 9 a.m. EET

 <b>135,010<sup>+910</sup></b> troops <small>(approx., to be confirmed)</small>	 <b>295<sup>+0</sup></b> planes
 <b>6,468<sup>+10</sup></b> APV	 <b>285<sup>+0</sup></b> helicopters
 <b>5,121<sup>+9</sup></b> vehicles and fuel tanks	 <b>796<sup>+0</sup></b> cruise missiles
 <b>3,255<sup>+2</sup></b> tanks	 <b>232<sup>+4</sup></b> anti-aircraft warfare
 <b>2,244<sup>+8</sup></b> artillery systems	 <b>211<sup>+0</sup></b> special equipment
 <b>1,967<sup>+6</sup></b> UAV	 <b>18<sup>+0</sup></b> boats / cutters

These Russian losses include most of the professional Russian army and its best eqpt. Sanctions preclude replacing the most modern systems. The manpower issue getting worse, i.e. even more convicts will not join now./8



A screenshot of a Twitter post by Randy Mott (@randymot4). The post is part of a thread (1/15) and discusses Russian mobilization. It includes a link to a news article and shows engagement metrics like 25 likes and 7 replies.

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RUSSIAN MOBILIZATION thread 1/15  
The new Russian offensive now expected will largely consist of new conscripts. Given the problems Russia had with its fall partial mobilization, this too is destined to fail miserably./1  
[en.defence-ua.com/news/russian\\_m...](https://en.defence-ua.com/news/russian_m...)

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Putin's game plan: take as much of UKR as he can hoping Western aid ends or slows, UKR public gets war weary. Plan B: pull out and declare he stopped the NATO invasion of Russia (a fake theme being repeated daily on Russian state media)./9



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Replying to @JuliaDavisNews

"They won't stop until Russia is destroyed...until Russians are being killed everywhere, anyplace. No one should have any doubts as to for what & against whom this special operation is being waged"

🌐: Russia could end the war they started TODAY



**Prune60** @Prune602

Replying to @JuliaDavisNews

"We started a small, compact war, with a bit of a decorative army. A special military operation"

~Frants Klintsevich

"Decorative Army" is a phrase I haven't heard before.



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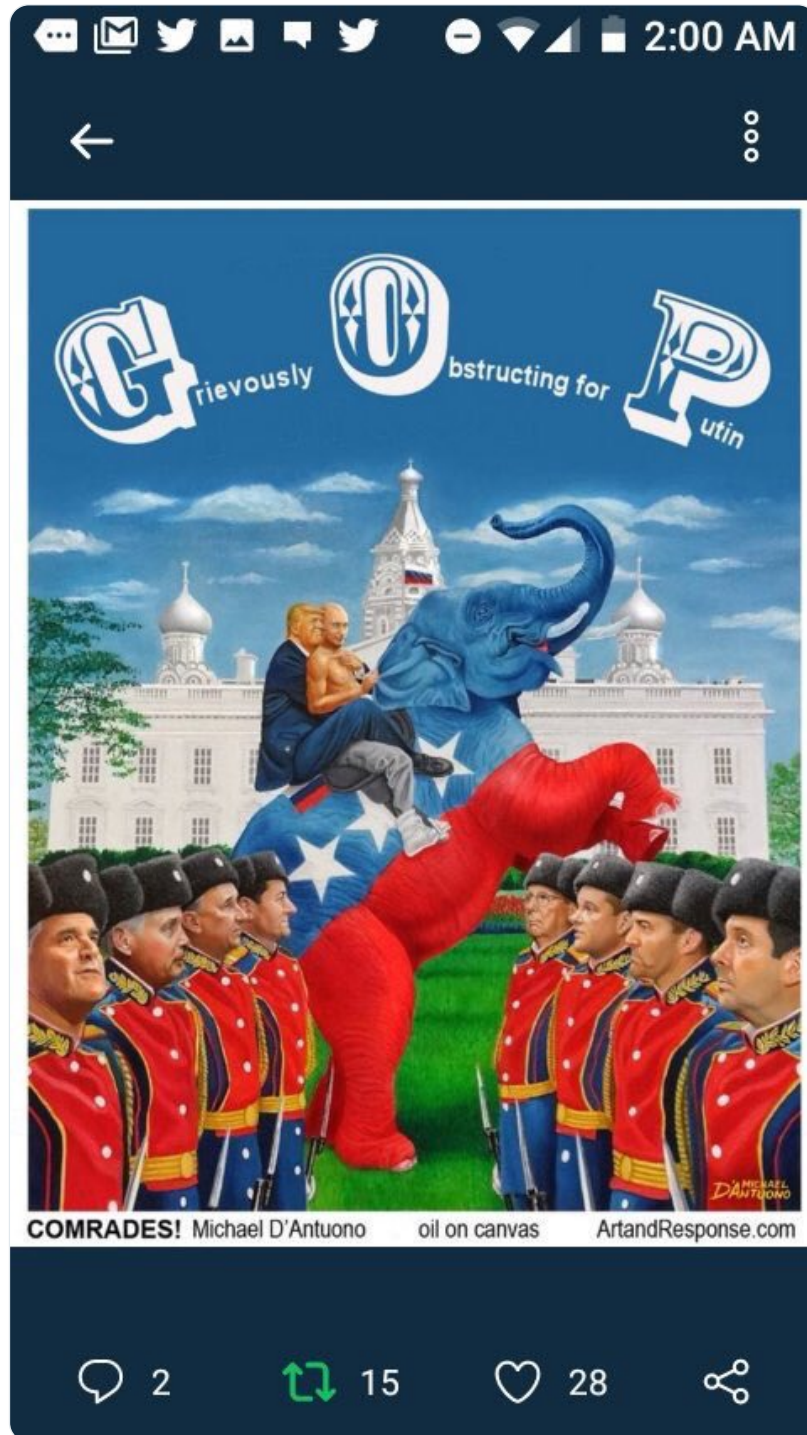
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The Gaetz wild plan would surrender UKR to Russia w/o any "peace" to UKR or NATO. It would literally seize defeat out of the jaws of victory. The US and the GOP would be to blamed./10





Russian occupation of a country that borders multiple NATO allies would necessitate a beefed-up US presence in Europe. The cost of this would be much larger than US aid to UKR. The risk of direct conflict with Russia escalated by a big margin./11



#### Why Ukraine Must Win

A Russian victory against Ukraine would be devastating for Europe's security and stability. European governments have no excuse for not realizing what is at stake.

<https://carnegieeurope.eu/strategiceurope/87960>

The temptation for European countries and others to accommodate to Russian interests would be also greatly increased. Reducing US influence in the world to perhaps dangerously low levels./12



#### What If Russia Wins?

If Russia gains control of Ukraine or manages to destabilize it on a major scale, a new era for the United States and for Europe will begin.

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/ukraine/2022-02-18/what-if-russia-wins>

UKR is a huge agricultural producer with a large industrial base. It would add significantly to Putin's power. Domestic unrest and violence against Russian occupation would also be a constant source of instability./13

If the US pulled aid at this point, we would lose a leadership role in NATO (who unanimously is supporting UKR). It would raise questions on our commitment to Article 5 and threaten the fiber of the alliance./14

Politically, the Republican Party would be the "party that lost Ukraine" and possibly the party that lost Europe. While isolationism appeals to the fringe of the party, it would rapidly lead to economic consequences in US that would be even more unpopular./15



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