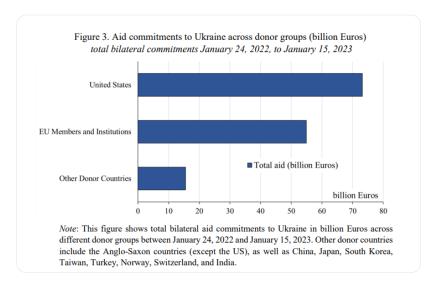
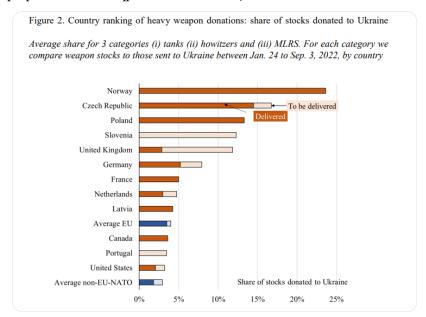
US AID TO UKR

There is a major misconception the US is providing a big majority of the aid to UKR. This is only true of mil aid & because only the US had unused stores of the necessary eqpt. This is important because it fuels part of the resentment over aid. Please retweet./1

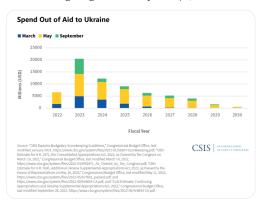


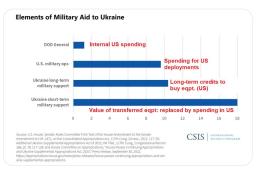
US mil aid involved just the weapons needed by Ukraine. But some allies have even given far more in proportion to what eqpt that had available./2



All US aid is also exaggerated in the media because people are led to believe that new aid announcements are cumulative to the \$120 B authorization: they are not./3

The US aid authorization figure of \$120 B is for the next seven years. It is running under \$30 B a year, since most of the expenditures are "back-filling" for donated eqpt & ammo. Actions that are ongoing for a few years./4

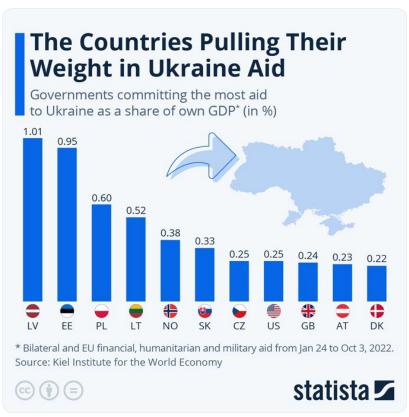




US expenditures in aid are ironically therefore made in the US for most of the mil aid (our biggest component). See previous chart. As eqpt & ammo are replaced, they are also frequently upgraded. A new HIMAR missile will often be more capable than the one given to UKR./5



US aid also needs to be seen through the lens of the size of our GDP compared to allies. Several NATO allies give far more of their GDP than the US. This also correlates to their their proximity to Russia: they know the risk of letting Putin win./6



To everyone who thinks that UKR spending should be used at home instead: explain how \$30 B a year out of the US defense budget can fix any of our domestic ills, in the context of a federal budget of trillions that you apparently think is now unable to do so./7



Since most of the funds are spent in the US on defense contracts, they generate taxable income, jobs, and secondary employment in the US (from various suppliers). So their impact of the federal deficit is less than many forms of govt spending./8

Contrary to some partisan political claims from members of my own party, the aid is aggressively audited and financially tracked, verified by third-parties./9

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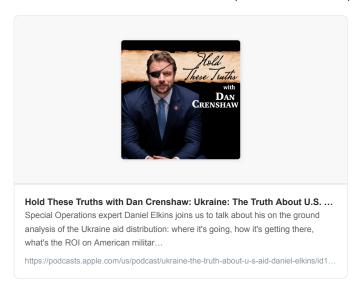
(b) Funds made available to the Government of Ukraine as Memorandum

(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.

(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 safedetails on the memorandum of understanding and appropriate safe-quards 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.

Weapons are all tracked down to the end-user. This is even now going to units on the front in actual contact with Russians. See 2nd half of interview w/ex-Green beret vet./10



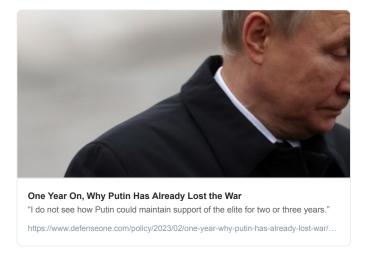
No verified reports of actual diversion of US-supplied arms have been found, although every case is investigated. /11

 $\underline{https://armedservices.house.gov/hearings/full-committee-hearing-oversight-us-military-support-ukraine}$

US mil aid has been a decisive factor in allowing UKR to win the war and defeat the invading forces from Russia. UKR does not need or ask for US or NATO troops and is winning./12



This will not be an "endless war" and can be resolved this year. The end will result in Russians out of UKR, And new air defenses will protect its cities./13



US is honoring its pledge in Budapest to guarantee the security of UKR borders. It is stopping Putin from taking 2nd largest country in Europe. Further preventing Russia from ability to invade or threaten other neighbors for many years./14

https://carnegieeurope.eu/strategiceurope/87960

Putin has bluffed about using nuclear weapons for months. Their use would not affect the outcome of the war: he will still lose, causing massive addtl costs to Russia. The safest course to prevent nuclear war is to not allow the threat to be effective./15



Putin's blackmail is dangerous; its success would be even worse.

https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2023/01/russias-invasion-ukraine-war-nucle...

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