

# Some unconventional views on the Russia-Ukraine conflict

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# Is there a just war?

- When it comes to the current question of a "just war", a distinction must first be made between:
  - - justified under international law
  - - morally justified

## 1. War of Aggression

A war of aggression **was** and **is** neither justified under international law nor can it be justified morally - regardless of whether it is to gain territory or for ideological, political, or economic reasons.

Russia has acted in violation of Art. 2/4 of the UN Charter, but also against the 1979 NATO-Russia Founding Act which contains this clause:

("refraining from the threat or use of force against each other as well as against any other state, its sovereignty, territorial integrity or political independence")

## • 2. Defensive war

- Defensive war was and is considered justified under international law. However, its moral justification has *changed over time*.
- a) In the time before the First World War, a defensive war was not only legal but could also be considered morally justified.
- b) From the beginning of the First World War with heavy artillery, tanks, poison gas, aerial warfare (Verdun: 23 million grenades; 378,687 casualties), it became doubtful whether there is a moral justification for defense in the event of war.
- c) From 1939 it became clear that defense could be justified morally if the opponents are at least approximately the same in terms of armament and manpower:
  - After "Operation Barbarossa" (Nazi German attack on June 22, 1941) defense was not only legal but also morally justified because there was a chance of success.
  - → **The Soviet Union had 13 million battlefield casualties**

## 2. Defensive war ctd.

- Small nations did not see such chance and therefore capitulated after a varying number of days:

- Austria: 0 days

- Denmark: 1 day (17 killed)

- Netherlands: 5 days (22,000 killed - Rotterdam!)

- Greece 17 days (20.000 killed)

- Poland: 27 days (300,000 killed)

- Norway: 42 days (10,000 killed)

- Finland 103 days (89,000 killed in "Winter War")

d) From 1945 (Hiroshima: 200,000 killed, Vietnam 550,000 killed) and the rise of remote-controlled weapons of mass destruction, defense is morally justified only for a few days at most ("symbolic resistance").

- Invasion of the Warsaw Pact states 1968: "Prague Spring" (68 killed)

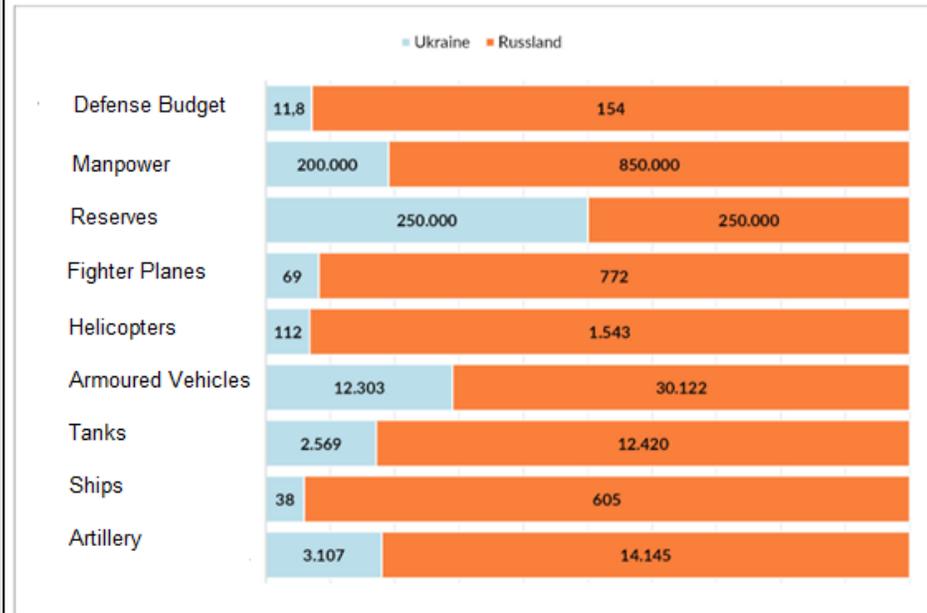
## 2. Defensive war ctd.

e) The Russian Attack on Ukraine (24<sup>th</sup> February 2022):

While the Russian invasion was both unlawful and immoral, the Ukrainian defense was legal, but **became immoral after a few days:**

Ukraine should have capitulated within a week and offered negotiations because Russia's strength and war goals were foreseeable

### Military Strength Ukraine vs. Russia



<http://globalfirepower.com>

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Defense must be called morally irresponsible and irrational:

- to risk tens of thousands of deaths
- many millions of homeless,
- cities, fields and landscapes in ruins
- national and international economic damage

→ Continued resistance against an overpowering opponent is counter-productive

### 3. Preventive War

Preventive war is a war of aggression and as such contrary to international law. The extent to which it can be *morally justified* would have to be examined on a case-by-case basis.

### 4. Proxy War

A war that a major power wages through a smaller country is neither justified under international law nor is it morally justified.

A proxy war is particularly infamous, because the loss of blood and the collateral damage is born by the instrumental state.

→ *The Ukraine defense has clear features of a proxy war – cf. slide 12*

## 6. “Holy War”

### **A war waged for (allegedly) religious motives**

**The Crusades:** military expeditions organized 1095-1291 by western European Christians under papal benediction (“*deus vult*”) against Islam’s expansion.

**ji**had (Arabic: “*struggle*”) in Islam, a meritorious struggle. It has often been erroneously translated in the West as “holy war.” Jihad, particularly in the religious and ethical realm, primarily refers to the human struggle to promote what is right and to prevent what is wrong.

## 8. Propaganda War “ *There are never more lies than before an election, during the war and after the hunt.* ”(Bismarck, 1879)

### Ukrainian Propaganda

#### ***With American help, Ukraine became a master of disinformation***

- Limited action by possibly marauding Russian soldiers or even revenge actions by their own forces were inflated to mass executions, mass graves, without substantial proof by independent bodies.
- Within a few days, Ukrainian propaganda messages were communicated across the world.
- Zelensky's uncritically received performances led to a worldwide pro-Ukraine hype
- The Ukrainian request for ever more arms and their (promised) delivery created an unashamedly bellicose atmosphere in the West fueled by long-standing anti-communism/anti-Sovietism.
- „St. Javelin“:Commercial blasphemy“is just one example of unscrupulous manipulation of mass media.



The Massacre of Bucha – a Fake?

<https://0cn.de/emye>

#### OUR LADY OF TOP ATTACK ST. NLAW ST JAVELIN

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## Russian Propaganda



[Asov Battalion with Nazi Symbols](#)



Storyteller Sergey Lavrov

### Russian propaganda claims:

- Ukraine was a Nazi nation altogether
- The Russian speaking minority was faced with genocide
- Ukraine was a decadent “gay” nation
- Hitler was of Jewish descent

# Causes and Goals

→ *Russia has never overcome the trauma of 6 million victims in World War I and 27 million killed in World War II. It is still feeling inferior to the West, seeking recognition and respect at eye level.*

## ***Reasons for the Russian Attack***

- Build-up of American/NATO weaponry close to the Russian border
- activities of US military advisers in training of Ukrainian Forces
- delivery of light and heavy arms, military aircraft
- installation and running of biological warfare labs in Ukraine by USA

Javelin: 12 kg, 3.000 m



US Undersecretary **Uland**: "Ukraine has biological research facilities, which, in fact, we are now quite concerned...Russian forces may be seeking to gain control of." <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c5005520/senator-rubio-questions-undersecretary-nuland-biolabs-Ukraine->

- Ukrainian ambitions to join not only the EU but also NATO
- president **Zelensky** threatened at the *Munich Security Conference (20th February 2022)* to make Ukraine a nuclear power (Ukraine has its own Uranium and know-how)

## ***The Strategic Goals of Russia***

- *Russia wants to create a neutralized and partly demilitarized Ukraine as a **wider** buffer zone,*
- *intends to keep Crimea and obtain dominance over the Southern Oblasts as a **tighter** buffer zone against NATO and Western Europe.*

### Russia

- never wanted to completely occupy Ukraine and subjugate a 40 million people living on 600.000 square km
- seeks to weaken Ukraine economically, exploit resources to help its ailing economy
- never had the intention of taking or even destroying the city of Kyiv, which is “holy” to Russian Orthodoxy.
- aims at putting the Western alliance system under economic and structural pressure
- tries to prevent liberal democracy from "spilling over" because it threatens Russia's entire political system.
- considers pluralistic democracy not suitable to run a country 9,000 km long with eleven time zones.
- wants to avoid “Westernization” of Russia, which is held to contradict its national character
- despises the West as decadent and dangerous for Russian traditions

# A Limited Invasion from the Beginning?

Area 603,700 square km  
Population 41.830.619



## ***The Strategic Aims of the USA***

→ The USA conducts a shameless **proxy war** against Russia

“We want to see Ukraine remain a sovereign country, a democratic country able to protect its sovereign territory. We want to see Russia weakened to the degree that it can’t do the kinds of things that it has done in invading Ukraine”

(US Secretary of Defense on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022).

### **The US**

- is interested in extending and strengthening NATO
- wants to weaken EU – sanctions welcome!
- seeks to create new market opportunities in the fields of high-tech and energy (e.g., by blocking North Stream 2 and preparing to sell LNG gas)
- wants to have outdated arms destroyed in the interest of the American arms industry
- wants China to understand that attempts to occupy Taiwan would cause heavy losses

## Predicting a Possible Outcome



First Closing the Siege Ring

Then a US-Russian compromise?

After a couple of a weeks the present WAR OF ATTRITION will hopefully lead to a gun break and armistice - followed by international negotiations seeking a compromise: Ukraine will become neutral with some international guarantees. It will have a reduced army without nuclear weapons. The three southern Oblasts will be incorporated into Russia or receive a special status under international law.

**Thank you for your kind attention!**







## Senator Rubio Questions Undersecretary Nuland Over Biolabs in Ukraine

During her testimony in front of the Senate Foreign Relations committee about the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Victoria Nuland answers a question from Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) about whether or not Ukraine has chemical or biological weapons. She replies, "Ukraine has biological research facilities, which, in fact, we are now quite concerned...Russian forces may be seeking to gain control of." She then refutes allegations from Russia that Ukrainians are plotting to use biological weapons, and says that if such an attack happens in Ukraine, "there is no doubt in my mind" it would be caused by Russian forces

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?c5005520/senator-rubio-questions-undersecretary-nuland-biolabs-ukraine>

## Weapons

<https://www.ibisworld.com/united-states/market-research-reports/guns-ammunition-manufacturing-industry/>

## Weakening Russia

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Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken and Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III Remarks to Traveling Press April 25, 2022

<https://www.state.gov/secretary-antony-j-blinken-and-secretary-lloyd-austin-remarks-to-traveling-press/>

## Some Data on the History of Ukraine up to 1954

988 Christianization of Kyiv Rus goes back to the acceptance of Christianity as the state religion by Prince

09-13 Century Kyiv Rus. The medieval empire united the Eastern Slavs from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea and from the Volga to the Tisza;

12-14 Century. The Principality of Galicia-Volhynia. Heyday in the 13th century under Prince Danylo. In the middle of the 14th century the principality was divided between Poland and Lithuania

1569 Polish-Lithuanian real union from Lublin: almost all of Ukraine comes to the Kingdom of Poland

1596 Church Union of Brest: Split in the Orthodox Church in Poland-Lithuania and formation of the united church.

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1648/57 war of liberation led by Hetman Bohdan Chmelnyzkyj. The areas east of Dnipro gradually come under the direct protectorate of Russia

1772 First partition of Poland: Galicia falls to Austria

1793 Second Partition of Poland: Ukraine on the right bank falls to Russia

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