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Zelensky: U.S. Will "Lose NATO," World Leadership if It Stops Funding Ukraine

Globalist Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky stated that if America halts military support for his country, the United States will "lose NATO" and its global leadership role.

Speaking at a press conference in Kyiv on the one-year anniversary of the outbreak of the Russo-Ukraine crisis, Zelensky's remarks were a response to the rising unpopularity of continued backing for the conflict in the United States. He slammed Americans who did not want to continue deploying arms and billions of taxpayer dollars to support efforts against Russia.



AP Images Volodymyr Zelensky

"If they do not change their opinion, if they do not understand us, if they do not support Ukraine, they will lose NATO, they will lose the clout of the United States, they will lose the leadership position that they enjoy in the world," Zelensky cautioned. "They will also lose the support of [Ukraine] with 40 million people, with millions of children. Are American children any different than ours?" he insisted.

Based on a Gallup survey earlier this month, nearly half of Republican respondents (47 percent) think that the Biden administration is doing too much to back Ukraine. On the other hand, 41 percent of Democrats think the United States is not doing enough, while independents are presently evenly split, with 35 percent on each side of the matter.

Since February 2022, the United States has dedicated <u>over \$113 billion</u> in military and humanitarian aid to Ukraine, despite the fact that the country is not a NATO member and the possibility of the situation escalating from a regional conflict into a more widespread war between Western powers and Russia.

While some Republican members of the House Freedom Caucus, such as Florida Representative Matt Gaetz, have threatened to stop funding to Ukraine, it is uncertain if their efforts would materialize, given the support among neoconservative Republicans for the conflict.

Previously, a team of Republican lawmakers, led by House Foreign Affairs Committee chair Representative Michael McCaul, traveled to Kyiv to pledge their "support to give Ukraine everything that it needs to win."

President Joe Biden was questioned on growing doubts among the public as to how much longer the U.S. government will continue to transfer billions into the famously corrupt nation.

In response, the aging socialist Biden said, "Well, first of all, I'm not sure how many are asking. I know the MAGA crowd is. The right-wing Republicans are talking about, we can't do this. We find ourselves in a situation where the cost of doing — of walking away, could be considerably higher than the cost of helping Ukraine maintain its independence."

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America's contributions to NATO came under increasing criticism during Donald Trump's presidency, with Trump questioning why the American public should continue spending money to defend European countries who not only did not meet their NATO defense spending criteria, but also sent billions to Russia in exchange for energy.

In July 2018, President Trump stated, "It is very sad when Germany makes a massive oil and gas deal with Russia, where we're supposed to be guarding against Russia, and Germany goes and pays out billions and billions of dollars a year to Russia. We're protecting Germany, we're protecting France, we're protecting all of these countries."

"We're paying a lot of money to protect [them]. This has been going on for decades.... It's very unfair to our country, it's very unfair to our taxpayers.... These countries need to step it up, not over a ten-year period, but immediately."

Eventually, Trump's stance in the global arena was mentioned by NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg for obtaining \$100 billion in additional defense expenditure from European allies.

Although Trump was successful in increasing military spending at home and in Europe, he has also been one of the key voices in America to urge for peace talks between Moscow and Kyiv.

Nonetheless, the present left-wing leaders in Washington, London, Paris, and Berlin do not seem to desire the conflict to end in the near future, as evidenced by their sending of military aid to Ukraine as well as mounting pressure from Zelensky.

On continental Europe, public opposition to backing Ukraine's conflict with Russia has been rising. On February 26, several hundred people convened outside the Ramstein U.S. airbase in southwestern Germany to demand an end to weapons transportation to Ukraine.

The military site is where Western officials have regularly staged meetings over the past year to organize their support for Kyiv. Notably, the venue is where the U.S.-led Ukraine Defense Contact Group gathered to discuss attempts to bolster the Ukrainian military. The last such gathering took place on January 20 this year.

Moreover, the demonstrators urged for a halt to hostilities and peace talks between Ukraine and Russia.

They chanted slogans and beat drums, with a range of banners seen during a live stream of the event on YouTube, including the Russian and Soviet flags.

Protesters' placards demanded the Americans to "go home," and displayed slogans including "Freedom to Julian Assange" and "Stop the weapons deliveries" as well.

On the same day, various large-scale protests against France's NATO membership and its continued backing of Ukraine took place in Paris and at other venues across the country.

The protests took place for the second consecutive weekend and were organized by the Les Patriotes party, led by Florian Philippot. Philippot, who was a participant of the protest in Paris, said that the event, dubbed National March for Peace, attracted even more participants than the previous week, when some 10,000 were present for a rally. Furthermore, he claimed that smaller-scale anti-NATO protests took place at some 30 other locations across France too.

Philippot was filmed defacing NATO and EU flags together with his supporters. The politician shared <u>footage of his actions on social media</u>.



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Although French President Emmanuel Macron, a globalist and disciple of World Economic Forum leader Klaus Schwab, has reiterated his desire for a diplomatic end to the conflict, Paris has actively provided assorted arms to Ukraine, including armored vehicles and advanced self-propelled howitzers.

Even people on the Left are opposed to Western support for Ukraine as well. Thousands of demonstrators showed up in central Berlin on February 25 for the "Uprising for Peace" protest organized by leftist politician Sahra Wagenknecht and author Alice Schwarzer.

Both organizers decried Western arms deliveries to Kyiv and demanded peace negotiations between all parties.

Also, earlier in February, around 10,000 protesters gathered in Munich just outside of the Bayerische Hof Hotel, where world leaders convened for the Munich Security Conference, to object to further military support for Ukraine.

Among the speakers of the rally was former Christian Democratic MP Juergen Todenhoefer, who stated that "we have to serve peace and not the Americans."

Similarly, demonstrators in Munich demanded American troops to leave Germany.



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