



WHERE WE STAND – FOREIGN POLICY AND UKRAINE

Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine was – according to Vladimir Putin – expected to last only a few days, ending with Ukraine's capitulation. Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the people of Ukraine fought back courageously, showing how far a democracy can go to defend itself. Despite Russia's attacks on civilian targets (including unspeakable atrocities and war crimes) and the resulting humanitarian crisis, Ukraine holds strong, thanks to assistance from the United States and other allies.

The Ukraine conflict revealed very disturbing partisan divides in our country. Vladimir Putin is our enemy as well as Ukraine's, but Donald Trump and many MAGA Republicans openly profess their admiration for him. In 2019, Trump tried to shake down Ukraine's president Zelenskyy, promising aid in exchange for providing "dirt" on Hunter Biden. "America first" MAGA legislators threaten to end aid to Ukraine (and funding for NATO), letting Russia prevail. As a consequence, America's role as a world leader and force for peace has been tarnished.



Ukraine's struggle confirms that Democracy is fragile. Unless citizens fight for their democracy, it could fall. We cannot take our freedoms for granted. We must defend against our enemies, foreign and domestic, who are working to undermine our democracy. This includes the MAGA architects of the January 6th insurrection who continue attacking American democracy and are willing to let other democracies fall as they withhold assistance and cut and run from global conflicts.

Democrats see a threat to democracy anywhere as a threat to democracy everywhere. We regard Vladimir Putin's Russia as a serious threat to America and to other democracies. We are committed to honoring and strengthening our vital NATO alliance and offering military, humanitarian, and financial assistance to help our allies withstand attack. However, we view armed conflict as a last resort, given its human, economic, and environmental devastation. We support diplomacy to resolve or avoid conflict and to work collaboratively with other nations on global problems such as climate change, hunger, and human rights.

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Here's what DEMOCRATS are doing to DEFEND democracy abroad:

- Provided critical air defense equipment like the 8,000 Javelin and 1,600 Stingers which enabled Ukraine to win the Battle for Kyiv.
- Provided more than \$1.9 billion of humanitarian aid to Ukrainians, including the more than 13 million people forced to flee their homes. The Biden administration brought together partners across the United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations to address Ukrainian's critical needs—including food, safe drinking water, shelter, and emergency health care.
- Taken a leadership role on the world stage, encouraging NATO members and other nations to provide similar aid and enact crushing sanctions against the Russian economy.

Here's what MAGA REPUBLICANS are doing to ENDANGER democracy:

- Failing to see the impact on the U.S. and other democracy-supporting countries if Ukraine were to fall to Putin, MAGA Republicans are fading in their support of Ukraine. More than four-in-ten Republicans now say the U.S. is providing too much aid to Ukraine. (Pew Research Center)
- The two leading GOP presidential candidates, Trump and DeSantis, oppose the current policy of support for Ukraine. Trump continues to [lavish praise](#) on the brutal Russian dictator and [boast](#) about their relationship.
- Fifty-seven MAGA Republican House members voted AGAINST a recent aid bill for Ukraine.



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