

Biden did what Putin couldn't

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He walked the streets of Kiev to a hero's welcome. A year ago, Putin tried to seize Ukraine and recreate the Russian Empire. He failed because of two men: Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and America's President Joe Biden.

Biden answered Putin's aggression by reassembling the NATO alliance Trump tried to [destroy](#) and rallying its support behind Ukraine. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said: "He's managed to unite NATO in ways I didn't think I would ever see again after the end of the Cold War." Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) [praised](#) Biden's "strong American leadership."

Zelenskyy was an entertainer and a [household name](#) in both Ukraine and Russia before being elected President in 2019 with [73%](#) of the vote. In September 2019 Trump [pressured](#) Zelenskyy to fabricate dirt on Biden by withholding a \$400 million military aid package already approved by Congress. Trump's National Security Advisor John Bolton called it a "[drug deal](#)" and wanted no part of it. Zelenskyy resisted. Trump got impeached.

When Putin invaded Ukraine, instead of evacuating the capital, Zelenskyy [rallied](#) Ukrainians behind him: "The fight is here; I need ammunition, not a ride." He has been [called](#) "Ukraine's Winston Churchill."

Putin was an officer in Russia's notorious spy agency and secret police, the [KGB](#). It assassinated world leaders and helped [crush](#) the [Hungarian Revolution of 1956](#) and Czechoslovakia's [Prague Spring](#) in 1968. Putin [said](#): "The breakup of the Soviet Union was the greatest geopolitical tragedy of the 20th century."

If he seizes Ukraine, Putin will continue his bloody aggression until he resurrects the old Soviet empire and threatens America. That's why McConnell [says](#): "defeating the Russians in Ukraine is the single most important event going on in the world right now."

This morning Biden and Zelenskyy walked in Kiev as [air raid sirens](#) blared. Zelenskyy [tweeted](#): "Historic. Timely. Brave." He welcomed Biden and thanked America. Biden did us all proud.

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