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Psychotic neoconservative bypass in Ukraine

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The Ukraine War is the Best U.S. Defense Investment in its History (Mitt Romney)

The established argument for the war in Ukraine began to change its course since December 2022 with exotic intentions of eventual peace talks. Some alerts were more notorious than others, I would argue that the Pentagon Papers fill the concept of implausible. The NATO summit in Lithuania featured a Western media portrait of "Ukrainian *President Volodymyr Zelensky's loneliness*," a tendentiously illustrative headline, even more so when he was debating trying to put a value on fallen soldiers. A twisted and gloomy negotiation, of give and take, within a disturbed distribution of roles where the dead are put by Ukraine in exchange for financing and war supplies. How much is each dead person worth? Depending on the account, between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

A few days later, <u>Stian Jenssen</u>, <u>chief of staff</u> and confidant by Jens Stoltenberg (current Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty, NATO), said at an event in Norway that a

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A solution to end the 18-month war could be for "*Ukraine to cede territory and receive change the entry into NATO*", something like a Snapshot of today.

It is true that the aims of the Western chronicle They changed, what is surprising is not their turn, but previously hidden discussions to the public are exposed without diplomacy, as a simple equation of cost-benefit, which, as an argument, is still frighteningly undeniable. The Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA) and the senator from Utah, and former Republican candidate for president American Mitt Romney claimed, at different time periods, that the amount spent by the United States to finance the Kiev regime, from a profitability perspective, with approximately 5.6% of the country's entire defense budget is the best investment in American defense throughout its history.

The Senator expanded the logic of his reasoning by detailing some points that are The thinking of much of the political-military establishment of his country. The War not fought near U.S. border, 9,156 kilometers away, on another continent. Dead, wounded, refugees, Crumbling cities and towns are not American. In total, the administration Biden received congressional approval for \$40 billion in aid for Ukraine in 000 and has requested an extension of another 2022,37 million dollars by 700 with a total defense budget of 2023,860 Million.

These Sums are negligible when compared to a total budget of U.S. defense, about \$715 billion by 000. The Assistance accounts for 2022.5% of its total defense spending. Russia is the America's main adversary, a top-tier rival, not far away of China, its main strategic rival. In cold terms and Geopolitical, according to the neoconservatives, this war provides an excellent opportunity for the United States to erode and degrade defense capability Russia's convention, with no troops on the ground and little risk to the American lives.

Ukrainian armed forces have already killed or wounded to more than <u>100,000 Russian</u> <u>soldiers</u>, the half of his original combat strength. Confirmed vehicle losses armor, including thousands of tanks, artillery pieces, aircraft, and helicopters and some warships. U.S. spending of 5.6% its defense budget to destroy a part of the military capacity Russia's conventional investment seems like an absolutely incredible investment, although the Data is not entirely accurate, the reasoning is still valid.

Yes we divide the U.S. defense budget based on threats it faces, Russia should perhaps be given a spending of the order from \$100 billion to \$000 billion. It is reasonable that the army The U.S. wants Russia to continue deploying military forces so that Ukraine destroys them. In the meantime, replace the destroyed equipment and Keeping up with the new arms race it has now unleashed with the West it will surely end up leading the

Russian economy to bankruptcy; especially an economy subject to aggressive sanctions Western.

No From these reflections happened, NATO munitions and supplies collapsed, Putin's government is getting firmer, the Ukrainian offensive It is an irony that begins to manifest itself in a series of data unpleasant for Occident. Ukrainian dead are 400,000 in a population of had 43.8 millions of people and that today does not reach 25 million. If this continues, the Ending the war will be a failed state, where there will be a lack of arms for its reconstruction, financing to transform it and attractive to invest. On the American side, they forgot a not minor detail, the primaries in 2024.

Public Support for Ukraine's War The United States has fallen drastically. Most Americans oppose Congress authorizing additional funding to support such nation in its war with Russia, according to a new <u>CNN poll, conducted Aug. 4</u>. In comparison, Another survey, conducted in the early days of the Russian invasion, at the end of the of February 2022, found that 62% felt the United States should have made more. In the current one, 55% say the U.S. Congress should not authorize additional funding to support Ukraine, while 51% he says the U.S. has already done enough to help Ukraine.

A future example was the debate in Milwaukee of the Republican candidates, whom Trump, the candidate with the greatest intention of votes, did not show up. The idea that was around in the media had to do with the questions of the debate with regard to Ukraine and what attitude would be taken by the candidates for U.S. support. <u>Some called for the elimination</u> or reduction of aid While others spoke strongly in favor of expanding it. The truth is that a panorama of these characteristics is not good even for Europe and Ukraine. Even less so for Democrats, whose primaries may be to be tied to the ups and downs of a war.

According to the Financial Times, the European Union's funding to prop up Ukraine is also in trouble for disagreements between member states, with concerns about national budgets with increasing costs that threaten the flow of financial support to Kiev. The dispute sets the stage for what is expected to be one of the most tense EU negotiations in the future. that remains of this year.

In June, the European Commission established a Complement of 66,000 million euros for the budget 2021-2027, which was funded by Member States. Brussels has Separately proposed \notin 20 billion for the supply of arms to Ukraine. That is, the request is for a package of 000,86 million, where Dedicate \notin 600 billion to cover <u>unexpectedly interest</u> costs high on the EU's joint indebtedness, around 19,000 million euros for administrative

cost increases, including increases salaries for civil servants, 2,000 million euros for expenses related to increased migration and funding for countries external, and 15,000 million euros for initiatives.

«All we want to help Ukraine, there is no reluctance to do what is asked of us, or even to do more if necessary," a senior EU diplomat said. Strange phrase. As if the Funding problem was little, the controversial presenter American Tucker Carlson traveled to Budapest to interview the first Hungarian Minister <u>Viktor Orbán for his Tucker on X</u> program. The war in Ukraine was one of the main topics of the half-hour interview. One of The questions were about his reaction to the destruction of the Nord gas pipeline Stream: "We, Hungarians, we made it immediately clear that there is another pipeline, not the Nord Stream, but the South Stream, through which gas flows from Russia along the southern corridor: Turkey, Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary."

"Together with the Prime Minister of Serbia, we have made it very clear that if anyone wants To do with the southern corridor what was done with the northern corridor, We will consider a casus belli, a terrorist attack, and we will respond immediately." The first Hungarian minister said that the opportunity to include Ukraine in NATO: "This window of opportunity has already closed. No We can do this. We can't afford to have such a border. long between Russia and Ukraine under NATO control. This will mean an international threat to all of us, including Washington."

Low This thinly veiled threat is Ukraine and its circumstances being prepared for the new financial year. The Cabinet of Ministers must submit the draft state budget for 2024 to your Parliament before of September 15. This knowing that, for almost two years, donors Westerners finance their budget, while the country spends all the money. taxes collected on military necessities.

According to the <u>Ukrainian newspaper RCB</u>, Ukraine's monthly need for External indebtedness is 3,000 to 4,000 million dollars. This amount covers all expenses not related to security and defense, mainly social expenditure such as pensions, grants, subsidies, etc. The second part of the budget, which amounts to approximately 1.6 trillion hryvnias (US\$43 billion), goes to defense needs. The Treasury receives these funds in the form of taxes, customs duties and internal loans.

In Simply put, Ukraine needs about \$100 billion to Function and fight, but as some Republicans quickly understood the Start of presidential campaigns in the United States, this is the opportunity to criticize Biden for excessive spending in support of Ukraine. Europeans, For their part, the most punished of this war, have serious problems social and budgetary crises due to the energy crisis, deindustrialization and the fall of the product.

Stalked to obtain achievements in the counteroffensive, with few personnel and armaments, Ukraine has to endure other types of conditions, not only the European internal and the American presidential race, but of the IMF and the European partners for future business. Ukraine has been listed as one of the most corrupt countries in the world and to be able to do business with gas, land and privatizations, the United States imposed an informal condition for Provide money: you must prepare a bill to strengthen the institutional independence and efficiency of the Special Prosecutor's Office Anticorruption (SAP). The bill on SAP must be presented before of September 15, with the greatest possible independence.

Interest in anti-corruption issues abroad It's no coincidence. The West, which provide Ukraine with large packages of aid for humanitarian and military needs, you want to be sure that these funds are used for their intended purposes. "In private conversations our partners joke that Ukrainians have not stolen a single dollar from taxpayers American. In the West there are doubts about our state acquisitions and recovery projects. Management will come from BlackRock.

Zelensky picked up the gauntlet and began to prepare Ukraine to freeze the conflict, one of the alternatives considered. The President said he considers it possible to "achieve the demilitarization of Russia" in Crimea by political means. That is, let's forget little by little about the return from Crimea by military force and, of course, forget Zelensky's promise of February: "This summer I will feed the fish on the dock in Crimea." The idea of the conflict being "frozen", and part of Ukraine remains a separate state, it would be exactly the same situation that can be observed between Israel and Palestine.

The Ukraine's war is the culmination of a 30-year project American neoconservative movement. The Biden administration is packed of the same neocons who defended wars as a U.S. choice. in Serbia (1999), Afghanistan (2001), Iraq (2003), Syria (2011) and Libya (2011) and who have done so much to provoke Russia's invasion of Ukraine. To Throughout its history, the movement has produced absolute disasters and, without However, Biden has filled his team with neoconservatives. Consequently, the The U.S. president is leading Ukraine, the U.S. and the European Union to A new geopolitical debacle. If Europe is even minimally insightful, it should Move away from these disasters of American foreign policy.

One might understand that the Institute for the <u>Study of War</u>, a neoconservative *think-tank* led by Kimberley Allen Kagan (and supported by a number of defence contractors such as the General Dynamics and Raytheon) husband of Victoria Nuland, the Assistant Secretary of U.S. State for Political Affairs play the business of war. When protests against Government, corruption and precariousness, the US came into play in favor of the opposition. Several members of the president's Democratic administration Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden visited downtown Maidan Square to the demonstrators where Victoria Nuland handed out sandwiches contributing to the coup against pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovych, who ended up fleeing of the country and leaving in a telephone conversation the mythical phrase of Nuland <u>Fuck the EU!</u>

The Neoconservative logic is based on a false premise: that superiority The U.S. military, financial, technological, and economic allows such a country impose conditions on any region of the world. While her husband He writes theory about the unipolar world, his wife is in charge, either from the George W. Bush Jr.'s presidency as U.S. ambassador to the NATO, from the Deputy Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs from 2013 to 2017 with Barack Obama, to Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Politicians today, to promote their hypotheses.

The The current dilemma is that, although the Undersecretariat has not fared badly at all. to the neoconservatives in general, both in the expansion of their theory and in the occupation of offices, could lose the presidency to the Republicans or To stay in the competition they should disappear or freeze momentarily the war in Ukraine, until focusing on the Indo-Pacific region. The bypass It might be a reckless or bold risk, but it will always be for a more committed, risky and perverse.

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