



Ukraine running out of soldiers to sacrifice for proxy war

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Max Blumenthal (MB): As Ukraine – I don't want to say it's collapsing. I don't like all those armchair opponents saying the Ukrainian army is totally destroyed. Like, we can't say that now. We can't say that anymore. But we can say that they're losing, they're on the back foot, and they're facing a catastrophic situation, demographically. This is Leonid Ragozin, who is not an opponent of the proxy war, noting that there are very few men left in Ukraine at the drafting age of 18 to 25 because of economic difficulties and emigration 20 years ago. And if more of them die instead of having children, Ukraine's already terrible demographic catastrophe will reach apocalyptic proportions. And here's a graph just showing the demographic time bomb for the Ukrainian war effort as Ukraine lowers its draft age to 18 under US pressure.

Aaron Maté (AM): Yeah, what is the US offering Ukraine in the way of support right now? It's a demand that they sacrifice younger people. As you said, they're trying to convince Ukraine to lower the draft age to 18. This is Antony Blinken making the case.

Antony Blinken: And finally, mobilisation. This is critical because even with the money, even with the munitions, there have to be people on the front lines to deal with the Russian aggression. Ukraine has hard decisions to make about further mobilisation. But these are necessary decisions.

AM: So it's a necessary decision to sacrifice younger people, your future generation, send 18 year olds off to die. That's Antony Blinken's advice right now to Ukraine to sacrifice younger people. And there in that clip, he taps the money that the US has given Ukraine, but the money is running out to the point where the Biden administration recently made a desperate attempt for more money. They asked Congress for 24 billion more dollars. But the proxy war now is so politically toxic that not even Democrats tried to get it through. Everyone just ignored Biden's request. So even Blinken saying we're giving them all this money, even that is running out now because Ukraine's also running out of soldiers to sacrifice. That's why he wants them. That's his grand advice to Ukraine to sacrifice younger people.

MB: They have to. There's no one left to do the fighting. And this is what Ukraine is having to do to mobilise men to go into the slaughterhouse to fight Russia. Here's Ukrainian military police trying to get a man out of his car to go to the front line. They can't get him out so they set his car on fire. They pour gasoline on his car. They're laughing. This is what they're doing to their own citizens to appease the US. And I mean, there are just so many videos like this of mothers and wives fighting military police as they drag their men into vans. For what? I mean, for what? To weaken Russia?! Aaron, you had a piece at Substack about how the US, the Biden administration, as it leaves office, has set the stage and done everything possible to prevent this war from ending.

AM: Yeah, because they want to be able to say that they achieved their goal of weakening Russia. That's been their goal. I mean, they said that from the start. And accordingly, they're still lying about what Russia's goals are. They said that Russia wanted to wipe Ukraine off the map and take Kiev in three days when Russia never laid out that goal and certainly did not devote enough troops to do it. Russia's goal was denazification, demilitarisation, and

permanent neutrality. And they tried to impose that by forcing Ukraine into the negotiations that Ukraine was refusing prior to Russia's invasion by refusing to implement the Minsk Accords. And so that's why right after Russia invaded, you had negotiations. They almost succeeded. But then we all know what happened. The US stepped in and told Ukraine that we're not going to back you up if you make a peace deal with Russia. So therefore, so many more people had to die. Somebody recently became yet another Western source to confirm this. The former Swiss ambassador to Turkey, Jean-Daniel Ruch, who basically confirmed – and Turkey is important because while he was serving in Turkey, that was when the negotiations between Russia and Ukraine were taking place, they happened in Istanbul. So he observed all this first hand. And he said: Yeah, there was a peace deal almost reached. But the Americans and the UK came in and blocked it because they wanted to weaken Russia. I've lost track of how many people have now confirmed this, but he's the latest.

MB: Yeah. I mean, I don't know, should we play any of this? It's in French.

AM: It's in French. Yes. We don't have to play it, but that's what he says. And it's available for anyone to go watch.

MB: It's eight minutes long. He basically says, why did all these people die? Because now they may have weakened Russia, but they weakened the whole West at the same time. Hundreds of thousands died, could have been saved by negotiations that were stifled by the UK and US. I don't know. I actually, right now I'm struggling to recall how many people have exposed that these negotiations were sabotaged most immediately by Boris Johnson, but also by the US. But I mean, it's just confirmed. This is history and who cares in the US, you know, we didn't do the dying. Some Slavs did it. That's the way we wage war.

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