

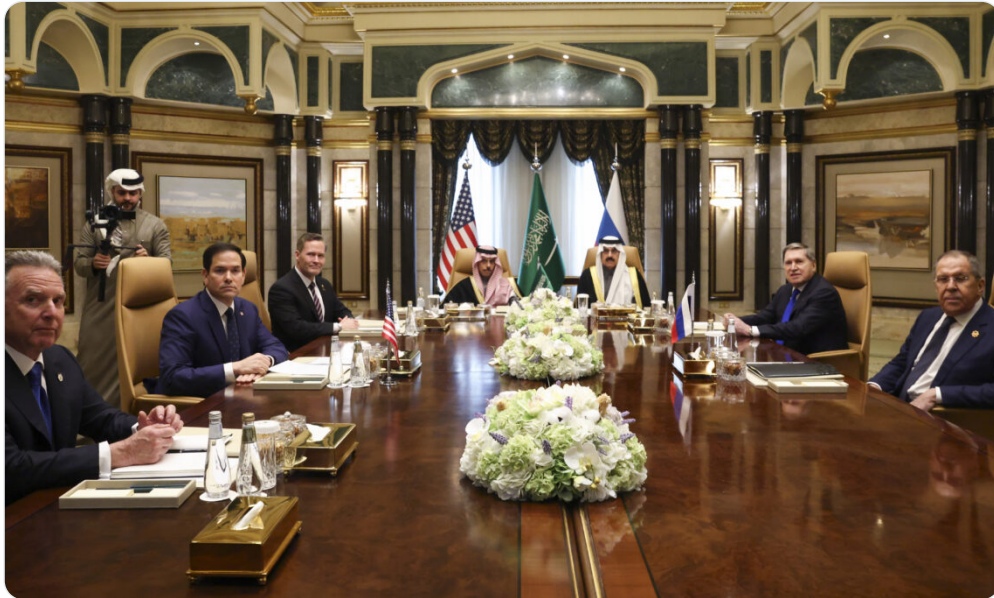


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In today's Vatnik Soup, I'll take out my crystal ball and predict what the alliance between the US and Russia could mean for Ukraine, Europe and geopolitics in general. These recent changes could be a real risk for the whole of Europe, and need to be addressed quickly.

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Some of us have been reporting on Trump's pro-Kremlin tendencies for years now. His Moscow connections go back all the way to the late 80s, and the 2016 US presidential elections raised a lot of red flags about the close connections of his associates to Russian operatives.

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## **RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN 2016 U.S. ELECTIONS**



**Boris Alekseyevich Antonov**



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**Anatoliy Sergeyevech Kovalev**



**Nikolay Yuryevich Kozachek**



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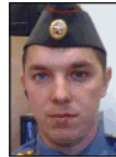
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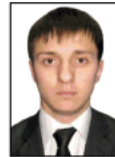
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### **DETAILS**

On July 13, 2018, a federal grand jury sitting in the District of Columbia returned an indictment against 12 Russian military intelligence officers for their alleged roles in interfering with the 2016 United States (U.S.) elections. The indictment charges 11 defendants, Boris Alekseyevich Antonov, Dmitriy Sergeyevech Badin, Nikolay Yuryevich Kozachek, Aleksey Viktorovich Lukashev, Artem Andreyevich Malyshev, Sergey Aleksandrovich Morgachev, Aleksandr Vladimirovich Osadchuk, Aleksey Aleksandrovich Potemkin, Ivan Sergeyevech Yermakov, Pavel Vyacheslavovich Yershov, and Viktor Borisovich Netyksho, with a computer hacking conspiracy involving gaining unauthorized access into the computers of U.S. persons and entities involved in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, stealing documents from those computers, and staging releases of the stolen documents to interfere with the 2016 U.S. presidential election. The indictment also charges these defendants with aggravated identity theft, false registration of a domain name, and conspiracy to commit money laundering. Two defendants, Aleksandr Vladimirovich Osadchuk and Anatoliy Sergeyevech Kovalev, are charged with a separate conspiracy to commit computer crimes, relating to hacking into the computers of U.S. persons and entities responsible for the administration of 2016 U.S. elections, such as state boards of elections, secretaries of state, and U.S. companies that supplied software and other technology related to the administration of U.S. elections. The United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C. issued a federal arrest warrant for each of these defendants upon the grand jury's return of the indictment.

**THESE INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS, AN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT RISK, AND AN ESCAPE RISK**

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According to one former employee, IRA staff on the 'foreign desk' were responsible for meddling in other countries' elections. In the run up to the 2016 U.S. presidential election, for example, foreign desk staff were reportedly trained on the nuances of American social polemics on tax issues, LGBT rights, the gun debate, and more . . . their job was to incite [Americans] further and try to 'rock the boat.' The employee noted that 'our goal wasn't to turn the Americans toward Russia. Our task was to set Americans against their own government: to provoke unrest and discontent.' Based on conversations with Facebook officials, it appears that Kremlin-backed trolls pursued a similar strategy in the lead up to the 2017 French presidential election, and likely before Germany's national election the same year. The IRA also apparently had a separate 'Facebook desk' that fought back against the social network's efforts to delete fake accounts that the IRA had developed into sophisticated profiles. In addition, in the United States, Russian-backed social media accounts linked to the IRA paid for advertisements to promote disinformation and encouraged protests and rallies on both sides of socially divisive issues, such as promoting a protest in Baltimore while posing as part

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## Trump revealed highly classified information to Russian foreign minister and ambassador

By [Greg Miller](#) and [Greg Jaffe](#)  
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In a May 10, 2017 meeting, President Trump spoke to Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Ambassador to the U.S. Sergey Kislyak about a terror threat. (Video: The Washington Post, Photo: Russian Foreign Ministry/The Washington Post)

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President Trump revealed highly classified information to the Russian foreign minister and ambassador in a White House meeting last week.

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## How Paul Manafort Turned Trump Against Ukraine

Amid rumors that the oft-disgraced fixer might be making a return to Trump's orbit, it's worth revisiting his role in fostering the former president's animus toward the war-torn nation.

The recent Rubio-Lavrov meeting in Saudi Arabia was an eye-opening event for many who were still optimistic about Trump and Ukraine – the outcome was that Putin got absolutely everything he's ever wanted from the war, and at the same time it seems that the US got nothing.

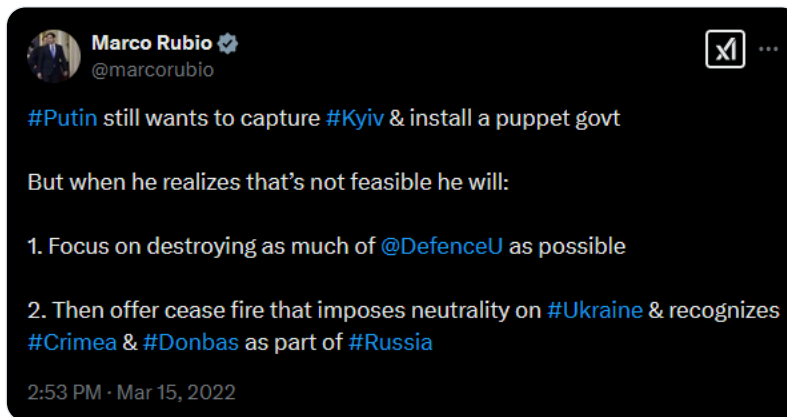
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# 'Trump wants to do everything he can to help Putin,' McCain Institute head says

by Liliane Bivings · November 5, 2024 6:57 PM · 13 min read

Former U.S. President and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump gestures as he speaks during a campaign rally at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S. on Nov. 5, 2024. (Kamil Krzaczynski / AFP via Getty Images)



From the beginning of the war back in 2014, Moscow's goals in Ukraine have been the same: install a pro-Kremlin puppet regime in Kyiv after the ousting of Yanukovich, capture vast areas of land from Ukraine, alienate Ukraine's allies and undermine NATO.



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Press release

## Kremlin plan to install pro-Russian leadership in Ukraine exposed

Foreign Secretary Liz Truss gave a statement on the Kremlin plan to install pro-Russian leadership in Ukraine.

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# Putin: Russia helped Yanukovich to flee Ukraine

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Ukraine's pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovich (left) was ousted in February

**Russia helped ousted Ukraine President Viktor Yanukovich to flee from violent protests in February, Russian leader Vladimir Putin has said.**

# Why The Trump Decision To Delay Aid To Ukraine Is Under Scrutiny

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President Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy meet in New York.

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# Russia says NATO states can't enforce Ukraine peace, wants membership pledge scrapped

By Dmitry Antonov and Guy Faulconbridge

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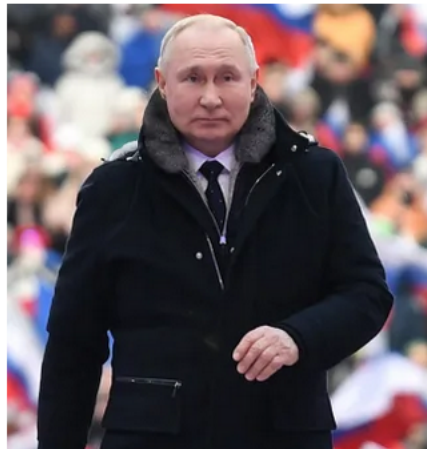
In Feb 2022, their initial plan to capture Kyiv in 3 days & install a puppet regime failed, and the war quickly expanded. Eventually, Putin abandoned the idea of forming puppet states of LPR & DPR, and announced the annexation of Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk & Zaporizhzhia.

## Deluded Putin 'thought he would capture Kyiv in three days'



Tom Sanders

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Deluded Putin believed FSB reports which said he would seize Kyiv in just three days (Picture: Getty)

**Vladimir Putin initially thought Russia could defeat Ukraine and overthrow its government in just three days, according to leaked FSB intelligence.**

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## Russia issued ultimatum to Ukraine in 2022 to replace Zelensky with Medvedchuk, president says

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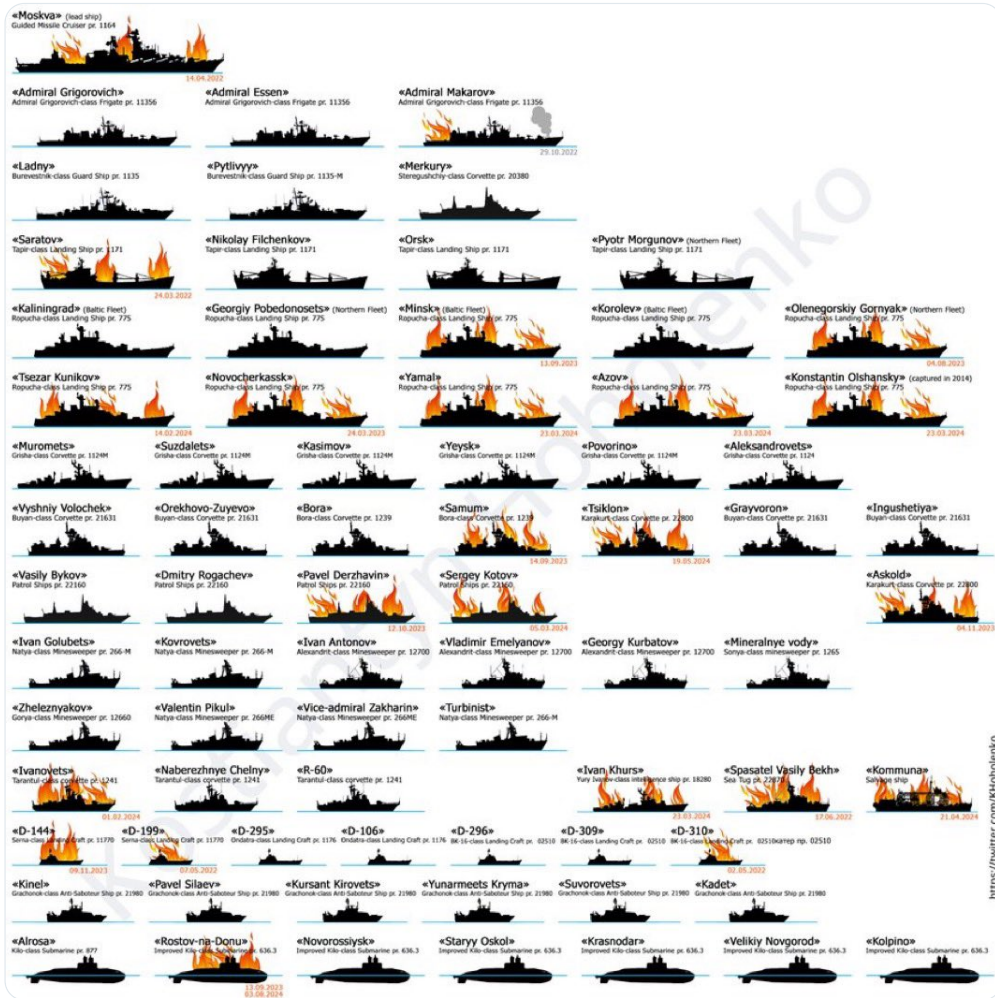
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Viktor Medvedchuk at the session of the Verkhovna Rada in Kyiv, Ukraine, Jan. 14, 2020. (Sergii Kharchenko/NurPhoto via Getty Images)



Ukrainians fought fiercely, and even managed to take away a big part of Russia's Black Sea navy. Russia resorted to meatwave attacks, bombing civilians & critical infrastructure, and controlling the online information space through massive disinformation campaigns.



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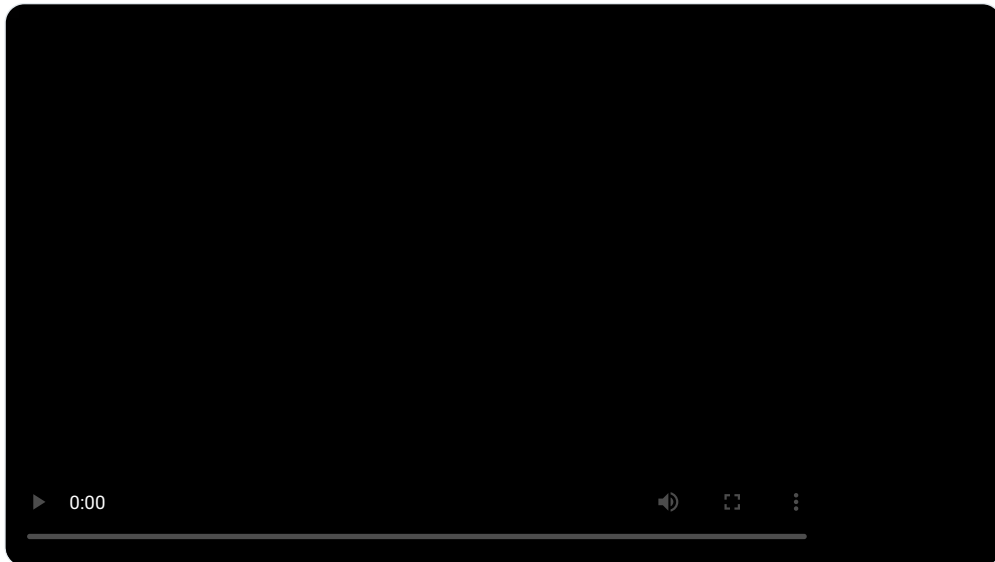
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President Volodymyr Zelensky gives his Unity Day address on Jan. 22, 2024. (President of Ukraine)

Then, after almost 3 years of brutal war, everything changed, as they had hoped: Trump won, and this time it was quickly obvious whose side he was standing on. We had already seen Trump capitulating to Putin in Helsinki in 2018, but this was something completely different.



First of all, Trump excluded the Europeans and even Ukrainians from the peace talks. Soon after the meeting, both sides agreed to “lay the groundwork for future cooperation on matters of mutual geopolitical interest and historic economic and investment opportunities.”

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## Trump and Putin stun Europe with peace plan for Ukraine

U.S. president announces that talks with Russia's leader on ending the war will start "immediately," after his defense chief warns that Ukraine's peace goals won't be met.

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BY TIM ROSS, CLEA CAULCUTT, HANS VON DER BURCHARD AND JACOPO BARIGAZZI

The below is attributable to Spokesperson Tammy Bruce:

Secretary of State Marco Rubio met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov today as a follow up to President Donald Trump's conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin on February 12. Secretary Rubio was joined by National Security Advisor Mike Waltz and Special Envoy Ambassador Steve Witkoff, the team chosen by President Trump to reestablish the bilateral relationship. Foreign Minister Lavrov was joined by Russian Aide to the President Yuri Ushakov.

President Trump wants to stop the killing; the United States wants peace and is using its strength in the world to bring countries together. President Trump is the only leader in the world who can get Ukraine and Russia to agree to that.

We agreed to:

- ◆ Establish a consultation mechanism to address irritants to our bilateral relationship with the objective of taking steps necessary to normalize the operation of our respective diplomatic missions.
- ◆ Appoint respective high-level teams to begin working on a path to ending the conflict in Ukraine as soon as possible in a way that is enduring, sustainable, and acceptable to all sides.
- ◆ Lay the groundwork for future cooperation on matters of mutual geopolitical interest and historic economic and investment opportunities which will emerge from a successful end to the conflict in Ukraine.
- ◆ The parties to today's meetings pledge to remain engaged to make sure the process moves forward in a timely and productive manner.

One phone call followed by one meeting is not sufficient to establish enduring peace. We must take action, and today we took an important step forward.

We would like to thank the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting under the leadership of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud.

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**Saudi Arabia wanted Ukrainians at talks, but US and Russia were opposed**

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Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman had requested that Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy participate in the discussions between Russia and the United States in Riyadh, but both the Americans and the Russians insisted that the talks take place without the Ukrainians.

After the meeting, Rubio stated that they'd restore staffing to embassies, create a "high-level team" to support Ukraine-Russia peace talks, and to "explore closer relations and economic cooperation".

Lavrov said that "Russia will not accept NATO troops in Ukraine."

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# US and Russia to appoint teams to negotiate end of Ukraine war in talks that excluded Kyiv



By Ivana Kottasová and Jennifer Hansler, CNN

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US and Russian officials meet for talks mediated by Saudi Arabia in Riyadh on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Evelyn Hockstein/AFP/Getty Images



The Trump administration said the talks are a first step to assess whether Russia is "serious" about ending its war in Ukraine, while Russia expressed hopes of normalising relations with the US. Credit: AP

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### Russia will not accept NATO troops in Ukraine, Lavrov says after Saudi Arabia peace talks

US and Russian officials held more than four hours of talks in the Saudi capital Riyadh.

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The US side also proposed a three-stage peace plan:

- 1) Ceasefire deal
- 2) Elections in Ukraine
- 3) Peace deal

Lavrov later claimed that he was "unaware" of such a plan, commenting that "I haven't seen this information, I haven't seen this news."

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🔴 NEWS w/ @NanaSajaia - **US/Russia 3 stage peace proposal would force new Ukraine elections: foreign diplomatic sources**

The US and Russia are proposing a three-stage peace plan, according to multiple foreign diplomatic sources close to the talks in Saudi Arabia. The plan includes a ceasefire, elections in Ukraine, then signing of a final agreement.

Multiple foreign diplomatic sources tell FOX the US and Russia consider holding new elections in Ukraine to be a key condition for the success of the settlement process. **This piece is certain to stir controversy, as Russia does not hold true elections and the Ukrainians balk at the prospect of installing a pro-Russia puppet president.**

🔴 A US source familiar with the negotiations softens this claim – telling me people are “floating” the elections piece – and “it may be part of future talks, but not today.” 🔴

The White House has NOT YET COMMENTED – but is expected to soon.

Ukraine also disputes the notion that Zelenskyy’s popularity is too low to win reelection, even without Russian interference, citing his refusal to sign anything in Munich.

Multiple foreign diplomatic sources provided this readout from the Ukrainian side: “Putin assesses the probability of electing a puppet president as quite high and is also convinced that any candidate other than the current President of Ukraine will be more flexible and ready for negotiations and concessions. In turn, D. Trump is ready to accept any election result, including the possibility of election of a pro-Russian puppet. D. Trump and V. Putin consider the chances of the current President of Ukraine being re-elected as low.”

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## Russia's Lavrov Says He's Unaware of Reported '3-Stage' Ukraine Peace Plan

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

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Here's how I see things going in the near future: first, Trump and Putin will come up with an extremely biased and unfair ceasefire plan for Ukraine. It will most probably include Russia keeping all the invaded regions, and Ukraine agreeing to not join NATO.

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# Trump's senseless capitulation to Putin is a betrayal of Ukraine - and terrible dealmaking

Timothy Garton Ash



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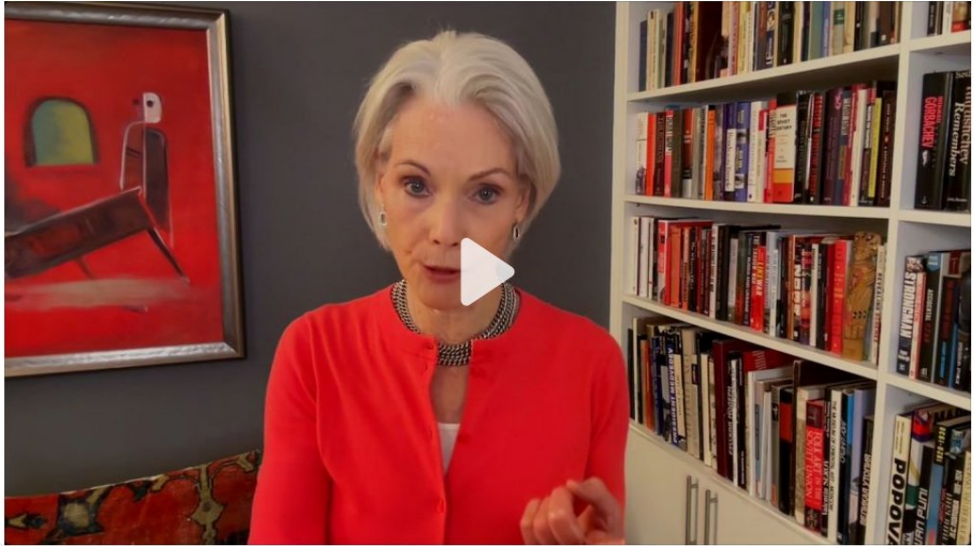


 An artwork depicting Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin at an exhibition called Yalta 2.0, in Yalta, Crimea, 8 February 2025. Photograph: Alexey Pavlishak/Reuters



# Trump offers key concessions to Putin ahead of Ukraine peace talks in Saudi Arabia

Analysis by Stephen Collinson, CNN  
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This will of course be rejected by both Ukraine and the EU, after which the two sides will eventually find some kind of middle ground and come up with a flimsy Minsk 3 type of deal. During all this time, both the US and Russia will defame Zelenskyy, blaming him for the war.  
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## Ukraine war briefing: Zelenskyy rejects 'quick win' ceasefire sought by US

'We will not sign just anything in order to be applauded,' Ukrainian president insists; European leaders pressed on sending troops to enforce peace. What we know on day 1,091

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A Ukrainian servicemen gun on a French-made VAB armored personnel carrier in the Donetsk region on Sunday. Photograph: Genya Savilov/AFP/Getty Images

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## Trump blames Ukraine over war with Russia, saying it could have made a deal

President hits back at Ukraine's complaint that it has been left out of US-Russia talks, saying it had years to make a deal 'without the loss of much land'

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■ 'Should have never started it': Trump appears to blame Ukraine for war with Russia - video

The goal there is to decrease Zelenskyy's popularity, and try to promote a pro-Kremlin and pro-Trump leader in the country. This process was already started by Trump, who said that Zelenskyy's approval rate is "down at 4%," and that he shouldn't have "started the war".



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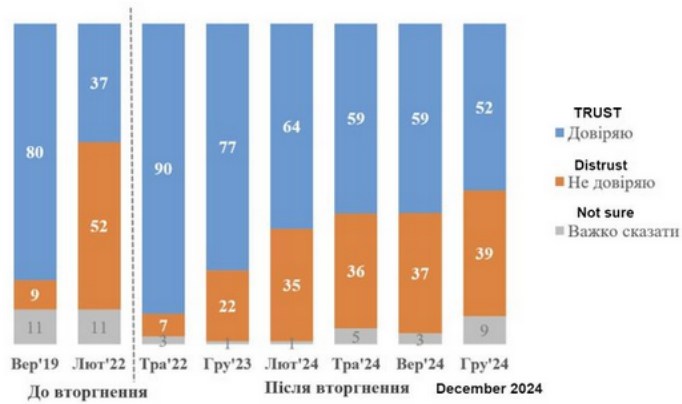


Trump: "Where, the leader of Ukraine (Zelensky), I hate to say it, but his down at 4% approval rating".

Trump lies and spreads Russian propaganda.

The last approval rating (December 2024) of President Zelensky is 52%.

Chart 1. Dynamics of trust in President V. Zelensky during 2019-2024  
"To what extent do you trust or distrust Volodymyr Zelensky?"



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# Trump says Ukraine 'should have never started' war in Ukraine

Trump made the remark while deriding Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, whose country was invaded by Russia in February 2022.






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By Zoë Richards


The Kremlin candidate to lead Ukraine will probably be someone close to Viktor Medvedchuk. This candidate will be heavily promoted by Russian operations and pro-Kremlin Ukrainians like Diana Panchenko (who will also keep on criticizing Zelenskyy).


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In today's #vatnik soup I'll introduce a pro-Russian, Ukrainian oligarch and a politician who goes by the name of Viktor Medvedchuk.




Someone commented on one of my previous soups that I should cover Ukrainian oligarchs, too, so here's one!

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Before the eventual ceasefire and elections, Trump will continue criticizing NATO and Europe, blaming them for continuing the war in Ukraine. Some have even suggested that Trump might pull US troops from Europe, leaving it extremely vulnerable to a future Russian invasion.

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# Trump Discussed Pulling U.S. From NATO, Aides Say Amid New Concerns Over Russia

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President Trump with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, left, and the national security adviser, John R. Bolton, at the NATO summit meeting in Brussels last year. Mr. Trump's threats to withdraw from the alliance had sent officials scrambling to prevent the annual gathering from turning into a disaster. Doug Mills/The New York Times

By [Julian E. Barnes](#) and [Helene Cooper](#)

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## 'Freezing' Ukraine war would allow Russia to threaten NATO, Latvian intelligence warns

Pausing hostilities, which U.S. President Trump has vowed to do, would free up Kremlin resources to threaten countries across the alliance, the report says.

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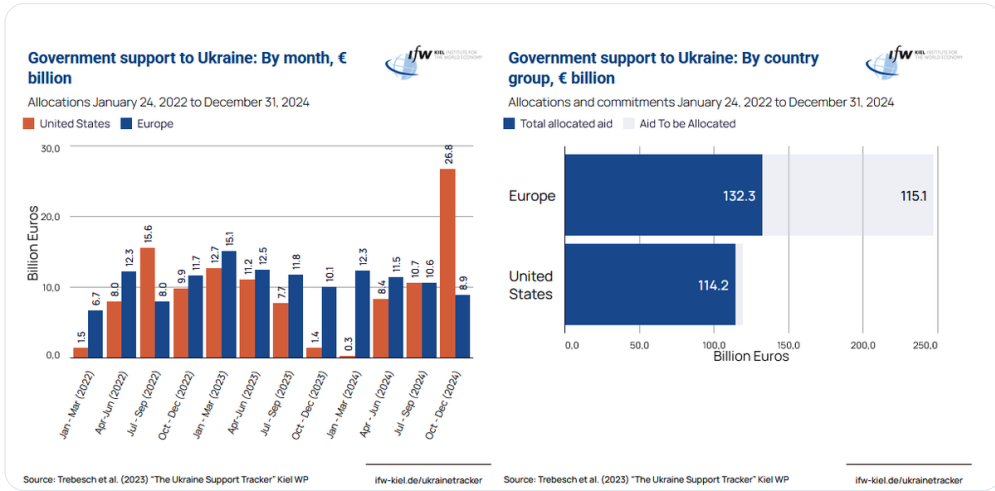


Despite the bleak outlook for the Russian state, the report warns that the country's special services are actively developing their capabilities to conduct sabotage and other attacks across Europe. | Genya Savilov/AFP via Getty Images

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BY GABRIEL GAVIN

The Trump admin will also continue spreading lies about the aid sent to Ukraine by his predecessor, claiming that the US has “given over double what Europe has” (it hasn't) and that a large part of the aid has gone missing (it was actually spent elsewhere).



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2. Zelensky claims he doesn't know where half the donations have gone so they must be corrupt. ❌ A large proportion of aid has actually been spent by donor nations on their own replacements of gifted kit. So some large sums are "spin". The US for example has sent only \$100 bn of the \$175 bn as direct aid to Ukraine. 2/3

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If the US and Russia manage to get their puppet regime in power, this will launch a massive operation of dividing Ukraine's resources between the two. Chinese companies are already operating in the Donbas region, and the US probably wants Russia to kick them out.



WAR IN UKRAINE

## Zelenskyy tells aides to reject U.S. pitch for 50% of Ukraine's rare earth minerals

The Ukrainian president did not feel the draft agreement included security guarantees for Kyiv.



— Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the Munich Security Conference on Feb. 5. Sean Gallup / Getty Images



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## Chinese companies 'developing' Russian-occupied areas of Ukraine – NV analysis **NV**

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Xi Jinping overlooking a map of Ukraine (Photo: NV)

**NV has identified specific Chinese companies that are rebuilding factories on Russian-occupied land in eastern Ukraine, supplying local firms with industrial equipment and other goods.**

Part of the deal would also be lifting sanctions against Russia. This would effectively help the Kremlin to bounce back economically and even supercharge their war economy so that they can continue producing weapons and equipment for future wars.

## US secretary of state suggests EU may lift sanctions against Russia if peace is reached

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Marco Rubio, US Secretary of State, noted that the resolution of the Russo-Ukrainian war must occur with the agreement of all parties. He also hinted that this could serve as grounds for the EU to lift sanctions against Russia.

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## The Russian economy is on the brink of collapse and Putin knows it

The Russian ruble has lost over half of its value in a decade and inflation is rampant - with electricity up 250 per cent and interest rates at 21 per cent. As its citizens become increasingly impoverished, the key to peace will be Putin's finances, says [Owen Matthews](#)

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Donald Trump says Ukraine 'may be Russian someday'

Meanwhile, Trump's threats against Greenland and Canada will continue. Greenland is full of valuable resources, and Canada has some of the largest known reserves of rare earth minerals in the world. Many of these resources are necessary for building modern technology.

# Trump says he believes US will 'get Greenland'

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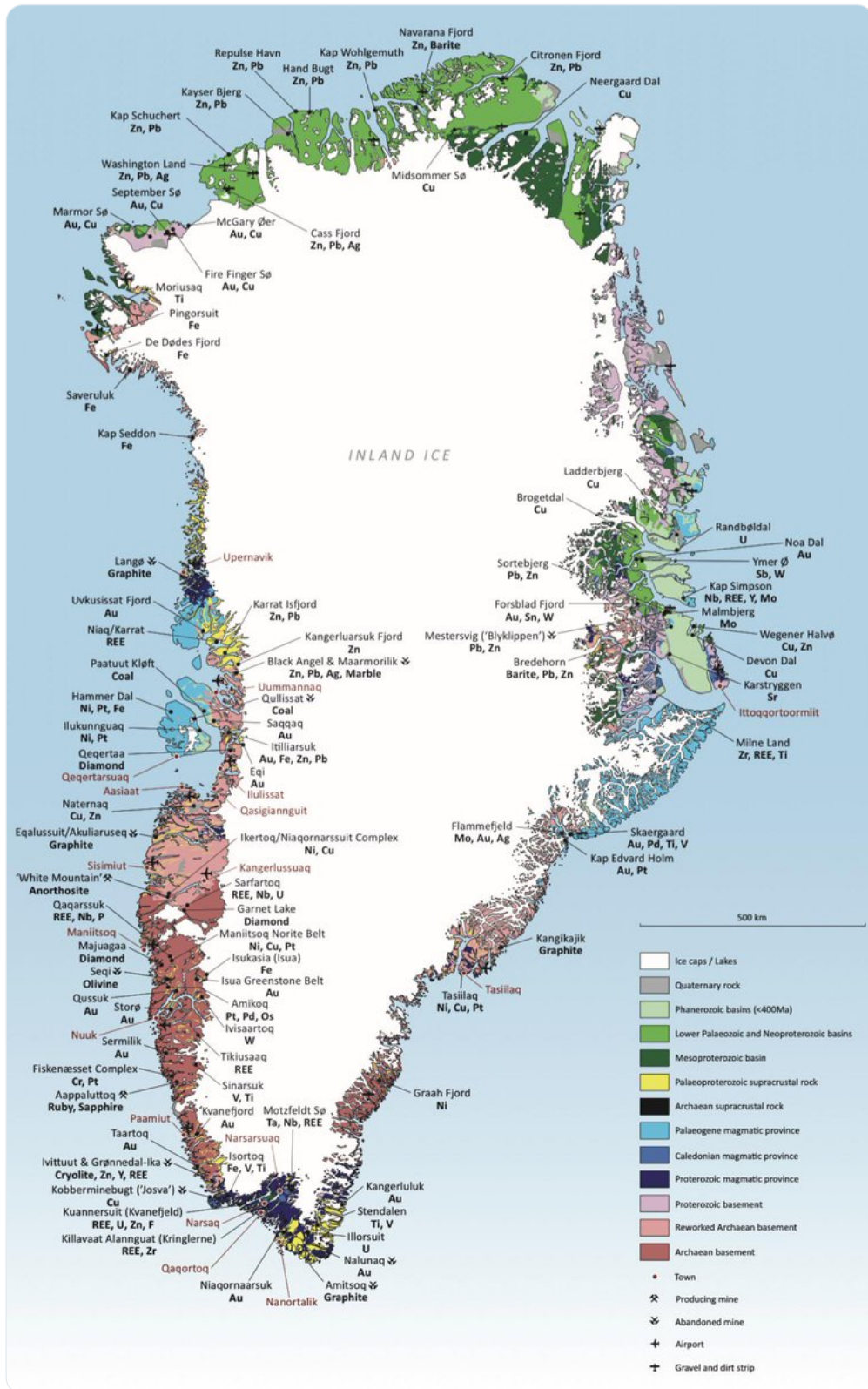
# Trump on 51st State: “Canada needs America’s protection from countries like America”

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WASHINGTON D.C. – Asked about his earlier comments regarding [Canada](#) becoming the 51st state, President Donald [Trump](#) clarified that Canada needs America to offer [it](#) protection from hostile aggressor nations like America.



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 Kaysers Bjerg Zn, Pb  
 Hand Bugt Zn, Pb  
 Navarana Fjord Zn, Barite  
 Kap Schuchert Zn, Pb  
 Washington Land Zn, Pb, Ag  
 Midsommer Sø Cu  
 September Sø Au, Cu  
 Marmor Sø Au, Cu  
 McGary Øer Au, Cu  
 Cass Fjord Zn, Pb, Ag  
 Fire Finger Sø Au, Cu  
 Moriussaq Ti  
 Pingorsuit Fe  
 De Dødes Fjord Fe  
 Saveruluk Fe  
 Kap Seddon Fe  
 Upernavik  
 Lange Graphite  
 Uvkuksissat Fjord Au  
 Niaq/Karrat REE  
 Paatuut Klifft Coal  
 Hammer Dal Ni, Pt, Fe  
 Ilukunguaq Ni, Pt  
 Qeqertaa Diamond  
 Qeqertarsuaq  
 Aasiaat  
 Naternaq Cu, Zn  
 Eqaqarsuaq  
 Qasigiannuguit  
 Ikeritoq/Niaqornarsuit Complex Ni, Cu  
 Kangerlussuaq Zn  
 Black Angel & Maarmorilik Zn, Pb, Ag, Marble  
 Uummannaaq Quilissat Coal  
 Saqqaq Au  
 Ittiliarsuk Au, Fe, Zn, Pb  
 Egi Au  
 Ilulissat  
 Qasigiannuguit  
 Kangerlussuaq  
 Sarfartoq REE, Nb, U  
 Garnet Lake Diamond  
 Maniitsoq Norite Belt Ni, Cu, Pt  
 Isukasia (Isua) Fe  
 Isua Greenstone Belt Au  
 Amikoq Pt, Pd, Os  
 Ivissartoq W  
 Tiklusaaq REE  
 Sinarsuk V, Ti  
 Kvanefjord Ta, Nb, REE  
 Motzfeldt Sø  
 Narsarsuaq  
 Isortoq Fe, V, Ti  
 Kangerluluk Au  
 Stendalen Ti, V  
 Illorsuit U  
 Nalunaq Au  
 Amitsoq Graphite  
 Nanortalik  
 Narsaq REE, U, Zn, F  
 Killavaat Alannuat (Kringlerne) REE, Zr  
 Qaqortoq  
 Niaqornaarsuk Au  
 Brogetdal Cu  
 Ladderbjerg Cu  
 Sortebjerg Pb, Zn  
 Forsblad Fjord Au, Sn, W  
 Mestersvig ('Blyklippen') Pb, Zn  
 Bredehorn Barite, Pb, Zn  
 Flammebjerg Mo, Au, Ag  
 Kangikajik Graphite  
 Tasilaq Ni, Cu, Pt  
 Tasilaq  
 Graah Fjord Ni  
 Randbøldal U  
 Noa Dal Au  
 Ymer Ø Sb, W  
 Kap Simpson Nb, REE, Y, Mo  
 Malmbjerg Mo  
 Wegener Halvø Cu, Zn  
 Devon Dal Cu  
 Karstryggen Sr  
 Ittoqqortoormiit  
 Milne Land Zr, REE, Ti  
 Skaergaard Au, Pd, Ti, V  
 Kap Edvard Holm Au, Pt

## Rare earth elements facts



Rare earth elements (REE) are a group of 17 elements, including the 15 elements of the lanthanide series on the periodic table of elements together with the transition metals scandium and yttrium. The latter two elements exhibit similar properties to the lanthanides and are found in the same ore bodies. REEs are key components in many electronic devices that we use in our daily lives, as well as in a variety of industrial applications.

### Key facts

- Canada has some of the largest known reserves and resources (measured and indicated) of rare earths in the world, estimated at over 15.2 million tonnes of rare earth oxide in 2023.
- Manufacturing permanent magnets is the largest global use for REEs, accounting for 44% of total demand in 2022.
- China is the world's largest producer with an estimated 210,000 tonnes of mined REEs and 175,000 tonnes of refined REEs in 2022, accounting for 70% of global mined production and 87% of global refined production.
- Many countries, including Canada, have rare earths reserves and resources, but producing REE metals requires complex separation and refining processes.

Even if there is a ceasefire, Putin will probably continue the invasion against Ukraine. Intelligence sources from the US and close allies show that Putin is “not interested in a real peace deal”, and wants to eventually control all of Ukraine.

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# As U.S. and Putin negotiate, intel shows he's not interested 'in a real peace deal,' sources say

Intelligence suggests Russian President Vladimir Putin is going through the motions and still thinks he can eventually control all of Ukraine, the sources told NBC News.

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This is also evident from Lavrov's statements – the Russian Foreign Minister has stated that Ukraine is not a real country and should be divided among Russia, Romania, Poland and Hungary. In Romania, this claim could be even used to get Calin Georgescu elected.

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**Sergei Lavrov spoke on Tuesday in Riyadh, following negotiations with the US delegation, about the statements made by some Romanian politicians regarding the claim of territories belonging to Ukraine. The last statement made in the public space regarding the territories that Romania should claim was made by the former independent candidate for the presidential elections, Calin Georgescu.**

Trump has been right about many things in the past, including the need for Europe to get rid of Russian energy & ramp up their defense budgets. But right now, it seems that Europe has become a target for both America & Russia, and the European leaders are in panic mode.

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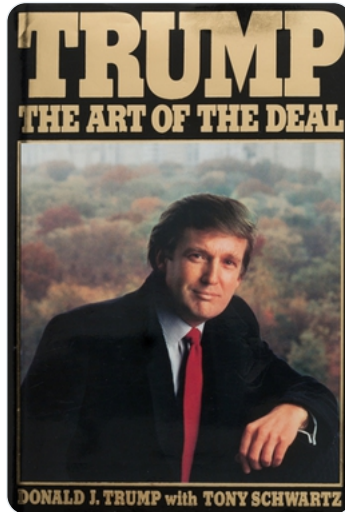
To conclude, Trump has offered Putin

- 1) Ukrainian territory,

- 2) no NATO membership for Ukraine,
- 3) no US soldiers in Ukraine,
- 4) withdrawal of US soldiers from Europe, and
- 5) sanctions relief

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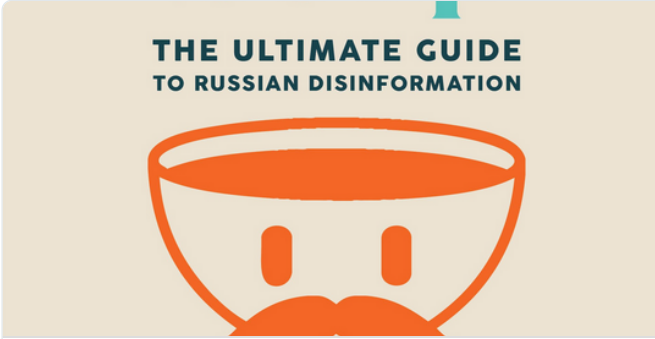
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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky meets with Donald Trump at Trump Tower in New York, September 27, 2024. Shannon Stapleton/Reuters/File

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