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Oh, you know why*

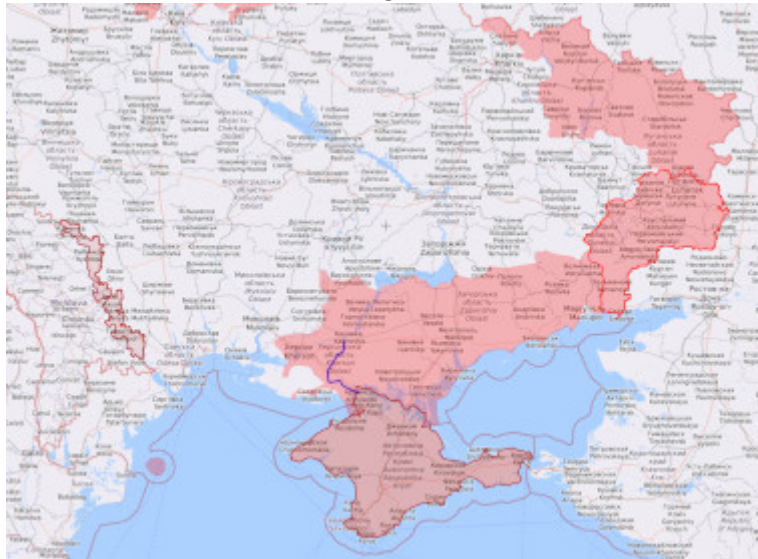
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### Ukraine - Doubling Down

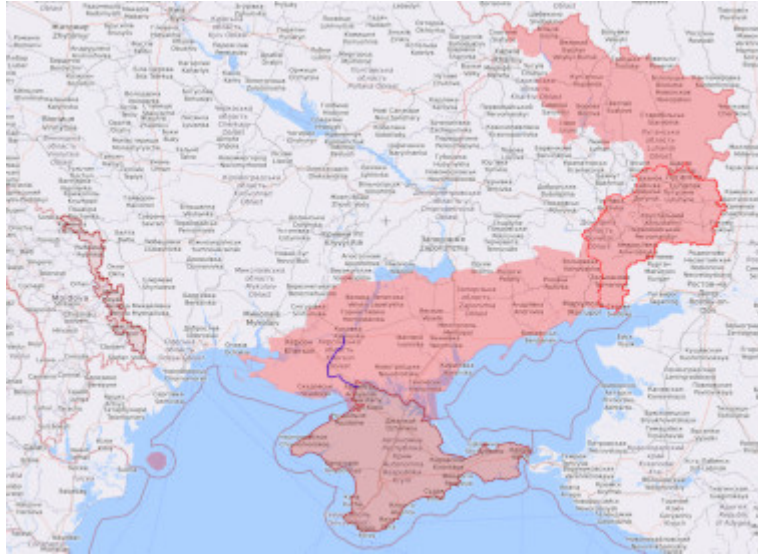
The Russian side is making some progress in the war in Ukraine. While the differences on the map look small the repositioning of forces that had threatened Kiev is finished and the Russian military is now seriously degrading and grinding down the Ukrainian forces in Donbas.

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According to the [daily reports](#) of Russia's Ministry of Defense the Ukraine is losing several hundred soldiers and some 30 armored vehicles per day, most of them to artillery. A flood of gruel pictures posted on Telegram by both sides confirm this. Several Ukrainian attempts to counterattack Russian forces have failed.

'Western' propagandists are noting that their side is losing.

Anders Åslund @anders\_aslund [14:02 UTC · Apr 28, 2022](#)

The War: Ukraine has experienced setback in the past few days. A senior Ukrainian official announced yesterday that Russian troops had taken part of the Kharkiv region. Yesterday, Russia announced that it has captured the entire Kherson region. No Ukrainian advances.  
Not good.

The typical U.S. reaction to losing is to double down.

This can be done financially:

Jack Detsch @JackDetsch - [19:25 UTC · Apr 28, 2022](#)

DATA: A cumulative total of U.S. military aid to Ukraine since Russia's Feb. 24 invasion.

February 25: \$350m

March 12: \$550m

March 16: \$1.35b

April 1: \$1.65b

April 5: \$1.75b

April 13: \$2.55b

April 21: \$3.35b

April 24: \$3.67b

April 28: \$14.67b (if approved by Congress)

Most of above sums will go the U.S. arms industry to deliver weapons for which the Ukraine has little use or which never will reach the frontline. The rest will be pilfered by Ukrainian oligarchs.

That financial doubling down will not be very effective.

There is also the possibility of doubling down by widening the war. This could be [in Bosnia](#) where attacks on the Serbian population could drag the Russian ally Serbia into another war. An additional war could also be created [in Transnistria](#) (marked as a lengthy strip on the left of the above maps). This could involve not only forces from the Ukraine but also from Moldova, Romania and Poland. In the early 1990s a small war between Moldova and

the Russian population in Transnistria ended in 1992 with a ceasefire and Russian peacekeeper troops on the ground.

In a piece about Biden's new pledge of money to Ukraine the *NYT* [notes](#):

The Ukrainian military said it was moving more troops to the border with Transnistria, a small breakaway region in Moldova, on Ukraine's southwest flank, hundreds of miles from the fighting on the eastern front.

Should those troops do something Russia does not like it will likely use its air and missile capabilities to destroy their fighting power. President Putin certainly did not mean Transnistria when he recently spoke to Russian lawmakers and threatened [retaliation](#):

Let me emphasise once again: if anyone intends to intervene from the outside and create a strategic threat to Russia that is unacceptable to us, they should know that our retaliatory strikes will be lightning-fast. We have the tools we need for this, the likes of which no one else can claim at this point. We will not just brag; we will use them if necessary. And I want everyone to know this; we have made all the decisions on this matter.

That threat was likely a response to rumors that the U.S. and UK are planing to deliver longer range missiles to Ukraine to be use against targets on Russian grounds. That would be another form of doubling down but also a way more dangerous one.

Ukraine is a victim here but not a victim of Russia but of much bigger plans in the U.S. which [did its best to instigate this war](#) (recommended).

As Michael Hudson [explains](#) (vid), the economic consequences of this war will be catastrophic for many countries and people. But the neocons who are running the war do not care about those. They have a plan to profit from it. They want to stay the unipolar power of the globe. To them it is a game and their main motives include an ingrained hatred towards Russia.

Posted by b on April 29, 2022 at 15:19 UTC | [Permalink](#)

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re: *While the differences on the map look small . .*

Forcing the Ukies out of their comfortable, relatively safe dug-in emplacements into open terrain is of significant advantage to RF forces.

Posted by: Don Bacon | Apr 29 2022 15:26 utc | [1](#)

The Ukranazi coup regime is literally arresting people at checkpoints and packing them off to the front, so the question is also how much longer they can find anyone to fight Bidet's war. What will Bidet do if the Ukrainians simply stop fighting for Elensky? Send NATOstani troops in Ukrainian uniform to fight?

Posted by: [Biswapriya Purkayast](#) | Apr 29 2022 15:29 utc | [2](#)

thanks b...

usa-nato are doubling down for ww3...it is doubling down on stupidity and arrogance and trying to maintain the life support system of am empire in decline..

Posted by: james | Apr 29 2022 15:29 utc | [3](#)

If we accept the premise that US will fight Russia to the last Ukrainian, then Russia should do it's utmost to reduce the number of Ukrainians as fast as possible. Attack Kiev and erase it from the face of the earth

Posted by: Balkanizer | Apr 29 2022 15:35 utc | [4](#)

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<https://twitter.com/AZmilitary1/status/1519984803122188290>

A very good read from AZ Military News.

*DEJAN BERIC'S REPORT FROM YESTERDAY!!!*

*HE IS ONE OF THE MOST RELIABLE SOURCES OUT THERE!!!*

*THIS IS MUST READ AND RETWEET IT IF YOU LIKE SO MORE PEOPLE CAN SEE THE TRUTH*

Posted by: Sundial | Apr 29 2022 15:36 utc | [5](#)

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Ukraine is a victim of Russian imperialism just as surely as Iraq was of American imperialism. You can put lipstick on a pig but it's still a pig.

Posted by: Mike Adamson | Apr 29 2022 15:39 utc | [6](#)

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*Send NATOstani troops in Ukrainian uniform to fight?*

Posted by: Biswapriya Purkayast | Apr 29 2022 15:29 utc | [2](#)

NOW, there's a plan so diabolical, it just might werk!

Posted by: sln2002 | Apr 29 2022 15:39 utc | [7](#)

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Anybody who writes something with three exclamation marks and all uppercase letters is probably not worth reading.

Posted by: colin786 | Apr 29 2022 15:45 utc | [8](#)

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Posted by: james | Apr 29 2022 15:29 utc | [3](#)

Yes, james; and my question would be: does not the 'doubling down' the US seems determined to do put at risk their objective to bleed dry Russia? Or rather, does it not turn back that objective upon itself, rather like the famous story about the scorpion's stinging tail?

I will go to b's link to Michael Hudson to see if he has any answers.

Posted by: juliania | Apr 29 2022 15:45 utc | [9](#)

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The United States just gave Russia an excuse to take Kyiv and all of Ukraine.

Here <https://abrahamstein.substack.com/p/the-usa-just-gave-russia-an-excuse>

Posted by: Dean Oneil | Apr 29 2022 15:47 utc | [10](#)

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Again  
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Over