



STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF A UKRAINIAN VICTORY FOR THE UNITED STATES

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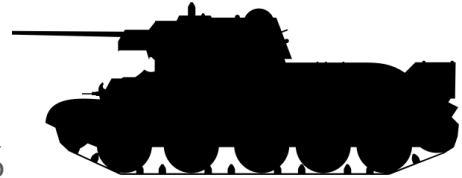


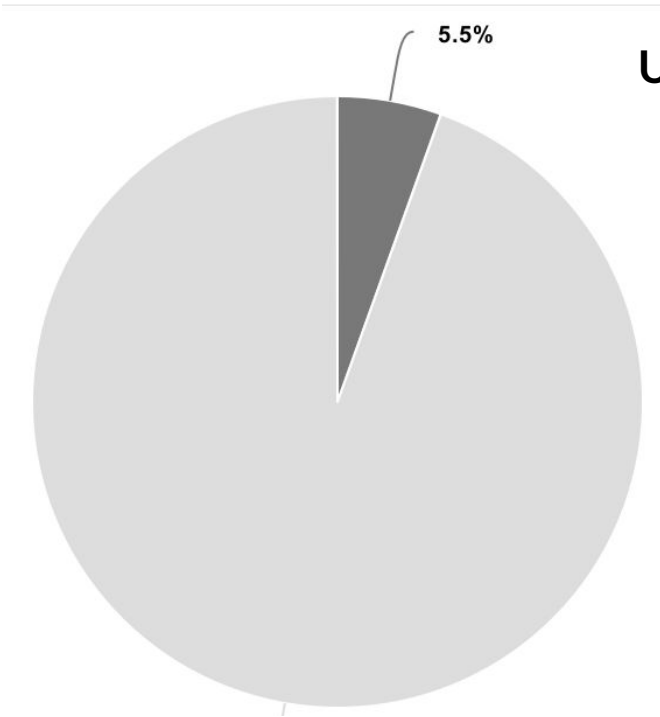
Frameworks

1. Regional security
2. Protection of the Global Democracy
3. Mitigation of Geopolitical threats
4. Wider access to resources
5. Access to Ukrainian human capital

Regional Security

- Reduced Russian threat – over 100,000 Russian troop casualties since the start of the war.
- Prevention of Russia from entering NATO territory.
- Low cost defeat of one of the US's main adversaries. No loss of US soldiers' lives, allocated funds for Ukraine around 90 billion USD thus far (last aid package for Ukraine at just around 2.64% of the 2023 Omnibus spending package total).





U.S. Defense Spending Budget 2023

■ Ukraine military aid



Protection of Global Democracy

- Supporting Ukraine is an investment into global security and democracy.
- Tolerance of Russian aggression would encourage future aggression.
- Demonstrate that democracy is worth fighting for (set a successful precedent to movements in Iran, Taiwan etc.)



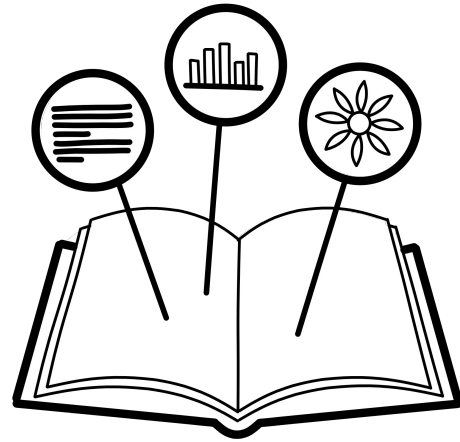
Mitigation of Geopolitical threats (especially China)

- Demonstrate to other potential aggressors that violation of sovereign territory will be met with active resistance from the USA and international community.
- Evidence of the US's resolve to defend its allies. Important message to send to China in connection with the growing possibility of Taiwan invasion.
- A Russian defeat would nullify a Putin-Xi alliance, helping to contain China's military capabilities.



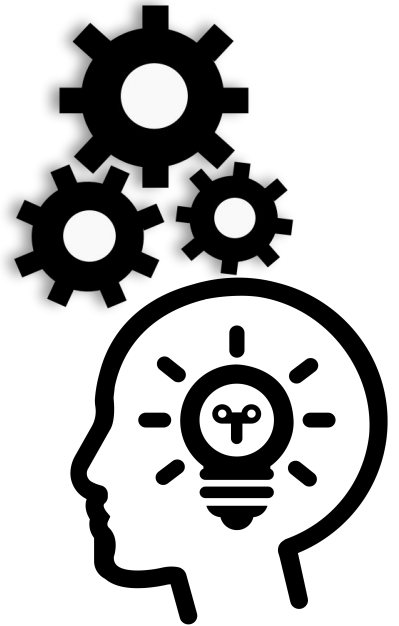
Wider access to resources

- A Ukrainian victory would solve the global food crisis.
- Prior to the full-scale war, Ukraine provided 45 million tonnes of grain to the market every year.
- Ukraine has an abundant supply of raw materials, including reserves of coal, natural gas, iron ore, manganese, salt, oil, graphite, sulfur etc.



Access to Ukrainian Human Capital

- Ukraine has a rapidly growing IT sector.
- \$2 billion in growth revenue from export services in just the first quarter of 2022.
- Ukrainian IT specialists continue to play an important role in the global tech industry, serving as one of the biggest IT outsourcing markets in the world.
- Further opportunities to capitalize on the Ukrainian IT sector's potential can only be explore upon a Ukrainian victory.



Thank you!

