

# UKRAINIAN WEEK

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**RUSSIAN WAR OF  
AGGRESSION IN  
UKRAINE**

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# War in Ukraine

It is in America's national security interest to have Ukraine emerge from this war of Russian aggression as a resilient sovereign and democratic state, in charge of its own foreign policy, militarily strong, with secured borders, and economically viable.

After two years of war, Ukraine's defenders will need a continued supply of American and NATO defensive weaponry, as well as economic and humanitarian assistance.

## Issues

### Assistance

Recent passage in the U.S. Senate for the \$60b supplemental bill provides Ukraine crucial military and humanitarian assistance.

All efforts must be exerted in the House of Representatives to pass the bill.

### State Sponsor of Terror

The designation of Russia as a State Sponsor of Terror would instill additional sanctions for its aggression against Ukraine.

Recognition of the Wagner Group as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) would also instill crippling sanctions.

### Sanctions

A Russia-sanctions regime should include more banks banned from SWIFT, a REPO "freeze & seize" program, as well as applying additional sanctions of the financial and energy sectors.

### War Crimes/Genocide

Measures expanding programs to assist Ukraine in the prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide are important signs of political and judicial support.



# About Ukrainian Week

## Your Voice in Local Districts and States

This local endeavor is critically essential as we advocate issues of immediate importance for Ukraine including continued defensive security and humanitarian assistance. Our presence will reflect in a lasting cooperation with congressional offices, especially during this critical time in Ukraine's history!

There has been tremendous bipartisan support for Ukraine in the past two years since the kremlin's war of aggression was expanded in February 2022. We must sustain that support and build upon it.



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# GENOCIDE IN UKRAINE

*Article I of the Genocide Convention confirms “that genocide, whether committed in time of peace or in time of war, is a crime under international law...”*



**H.Res.154 and S.Res.72 - Recognizing russian [sic] actions in Ukraine as a genocide** - explicitly condemns the genocide of Ukrainians and “supports tribunals and international criminal investigations to hold russian [sic] political leaders and military personnel to account...”

# RUSSIA SANCTIONS REGIME

## REBUILDING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND OPPORTUNITIES (REPO) FOR UKRAINIANS ACT

- **H.R.4175 and S.2003** authorizes the Secretary of State to provide additional assistance to Ukraine using assets confiscated from the Central Bank of the russian federation [sic] and other sovereign assets of the russian federation [sic]; and,
- The extreme illegal actions taken by the russian federation [sic], including an act of aggression, present a unique situation, requiring and justifying the establishment of a legal authority to compensate victims of aggression by the russian federation [sic] in Ukraine.

PUTIN'S  
KLEPTOCRACY

WHO OWNS RUSSIA?

KAREN DAWISHA



**RUSSIA  
IS A  
TERRORIST  
STATE**



## AN OVERVIEW

For two years, the world has watched in horror as Russia continues to launch unspeakable horror upon Ukrainian civilians, as recently witnessed by massive rocket attacks on Ukrainian cities. These Kremlin war tactics can be clearly classified as terrorist acts.

Currently, there are four countries listed as state sponsors of terror: Cuba, Syria, Iran, and North Korea. The Secretary of State determines countries that "have repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism...include a ban on defense exports and sales; certain controls over exports of dual use items; and miscellaneous financial and other restrictions."

### **H.R.3979 - To provide for the designation of the Russian Federation [sic] as a state sponsor of terrorism**

"The United States has a range of tools available to hold the Russian Federation [sic] accountable, reduce its war machine, and isolate it economically and diplomatically, including by designating it as a state sponsor of terrorism and imposing corresponding sanctions."

### **H.R.506 & S.416 - Holding Accountable Russian [sic] Mercenaries (HARM) Act**

"To designate the Russian-based [sic] mercenary Wagner Group as a foreign terrorist organization...The Wagner Group and its affiliated entities have committed, or are credibly accused of committing, terrorist activity through their involvement in: (A) the massacres, rape, and torture of civilians in Bucha, Ukraine."

# TERRORISM

# WAR CRIMES, GENOCIDE & CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

## RUSSIA WAR CRIMES

*Definition: an action carried out during the conduct of a war that violates accepted international rules of war. Source: Oxford Dictionaries*

### KIDNAPPING/ILLEGAL ABDUCTION OF UKRAINIAN CHILDREN

**S.RES.158**...A resolution condemning the deportation of children from Ukraine to the russian federation [sic] and the forcible transfer of children within territories of Ukraine that are temporarily occupied by russian [sic] forces.

**H.RES. 149**...Condemning the illegal abduction of children from Ukraine to the russian federation [sic].

### INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR RUSSIA WAR CRIMES

**H.RES.81**...Calling on the President to support the creation of a Special Tribunal for the Punishment of the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine.

**S.RES.227**...A resolution that "would not limit or affect the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court, including its exercise of jurisdiction over war crimes, crimes against humanity, and possible genocide committed in the context of russia's [sic] ongoing aggression against Ukraine."