

## **WHY AMERICA MUST HELP UKRAINE DEFEAT THE RUSSIAN INVADERS**

- 1) When measured in men and weapons systems, Russia is losing its war. Over 900,000 Russian soldiers have been killed, wounded or captured since 2022, and thousands of tanks, infantry fighting vehicles, artillery pieces have been destroyed. Its economy is in a shambles.
- 2) According to a recent NBC poll, a majority of US voters (61%) back Ukraine, something they will bear in mind during the 2026 mid-term elections.
- 3) Russia has made common cause with several of America's most venomous enemies, in particular Iran and North Korea. Others include the anti-American dictatorships of Cuba, Venezuela, and Nicaragua.
- 4) Our principal competitor China has backed Russia in many crucial ways, from selling it dual-use technology, purchasing oil and gas, and marketing goods formerly sold by Western nations. The success of this 'forever friendship' bodes ill for Western democracies.
- 5) Ukraine has large deposits of critical minerals like graphite, lithium, titanium, beryllium and uranium. It also has rare earth metals needed to produce weapons, wind turbines, and various electronics. These must not fall into Russia's hands.
- 6) Every US Administration since Clinton has given its word to support Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Failing to live up to our repeated commitments will gravely damage our reputation and influence.
- 7) Most Western intelligence agencies believe that Putin, if victorious, will not stop with Ukraine, but will likely continue to push into the Baltic states and perhaps even into Poland.
- 8) Ukraine borders four NATO members: Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania, meaning that if Russia were to triumph there, its forces would be right up against our allies.
- 9) Were Ukraine to be absorbed by Moscow, the US and its NATO allies would be facing not only an emboldened and aggressive Russia, but also a million-man, battle-hardened Ukrainian army.
- 10) Ukraine, like the US, is a country that cherishes freedom. Helping to defend its land, people and culture is simply the right thing to do.

