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**Sending Arms or Twisting Arms: The U.S. Role in the Ukraine War**

*A new background briefing analyzes the cause, consequences, and possible resolutions of the war in Ukraine.*

Washington, D.C. – On April 28, the Institute for Policy Studies and the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation released a [timely analysis](#) of the United States' role in the war in Ukraine, examining the Biden administration's strategic approach since the start of the conflict in February 2022 and potential implications for foreign policy decisions in the near-term future.

This background briefing explores the causes of the war in Ukraine and the actions of different actors in the conflict to date. It also lays out different scenarios for how the conflict may proceed depending on scenarios that may occur both internationally and in the United States, and it makes the case for a robust international diplomatic response regardless of the war's outcome.

[Read a summary of the key findings, available in English and German.](#)

[Read the full analysis in English.](#)

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As the briefing notes, U.S. policy on Ukraine is not without divisions — within the administration, in Congress, and in the population at large. So far, however, these differences of opinion have had no major impact on administration policy. If the war continues into the 2024 election season, however, the Biden administration will face increasing calls from Republicans and a Republican voter base to reduce support for Kyiv.

As the briefing explains, there are two primary scenarios for how the war plays out in the future. Either Ukraine will follow the “Croatia scenario” by pushing Russian troops entirely out of the country and potentially setting into motion the political downfall of Vladimir Putin. Or, in the “Korean scenario,” the war will settle into a period of stalemate after the first year of surprising reversals.

The briefing is not intended to serve as a strategic document. Rather, it serves simply to provide useful background solely on the U.S.'s response to the ongoing, developing situation in Ukraine.

Read the full report in [English](#) and [German](#).

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