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'Clown' Zelensky 'losing the plot': Reactions to his Davos tirade

The Ukrainian leader has sparked a wave of international backlash and accusations of being unfair and ungrateful to Kiev's Western backers



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Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky is facing severe backlash from key international partners after a combative speech at Davos, where he went on a tirade accusing Europe of *"indecisiveness"* toward Russia and insufficient support for his country.

The backlash comes as Zelensky's popularity in the West is already on a downward spiral over his constant criticism of Kiev's European backers while demanding billions in support – while Ukraine continues to struggle with high-level corruption scandals and a dire military situation.

The reactions to his speech at the World Economic Forum from European capitals were swift. Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani called it *"unfair to Europe,"* telling Corriere della Sera that the continent has *"guaranteed Ukraine's independence"* through immense political, financial, and military support.

Zelensky 'crossed the line'

In Germany, MP Sevin Gagdelen accused Zelensky of *"megalomania"* for calling Europe a *"fragmented kaleidoscope of small and medium-sized powers"* and claiming it is *"degrading"* itself by failing to stand up to Russia and US President Donald Trump's Greenland aspirations.

In his speech, Zelensky called for giving *"every Viktor who lives off European money... a smack in the head,"* apparently referring to Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban. The Hungarian leader responded by calling Zelensky *"a man in a desperate position"* who has been *"unable or unwilling to bring a war to an end."*

Orban said Zelensky *"crossed a line"* by criticizing every European leader, and slammed his demand for another \$800 billion for Ukraine, adding that despite Brussels' willingness to foot the bill, Budapest *"will not pay!"*

He managed to 'insult everyone'

Former French MEP Florian Philippot condemned Zelensky's speech, describing it as a *"moment of madness"* that managed to *"insult everyone,"* including *"the European people who have been giving him weapons and billions for years!"* The leader of the Patriots party said: *"not a single euro, not a single weapon, and obviously not a single French soldier for Ukraine!"*

Another harsh response came from Iran. Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi labeled Zelensky a *"clown"* after he criticized Tehran's crackdown on protests. Araghchi accused the Ukrainian leader of *"fleecing American and European taxpayers to line the pockets of his corrupt generals"* while hypocritically calling for US aggression against Iran. *"The world is tired of these*



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bewildered clowns, Mr. Zelensky," he said.



Assault on Europe 'deeply ungrateful'

The criticism was just as scathing in the media, with Wall Street Journal correspondent Bojan Pancevski saying Zelensky is "losing the plot," calling his assault on Europe "factually wrong" and "deeply ungrateful," at a time when "the Ukrainian state literally runs on European money." He also pointed to rampant corruption probes reaching Zelensky's inner circle in recent months.

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Hungarian analyst Zoltan Koskovicz suggested that Zelensky's threat against Orban, which comes ahead of an upcoming parliamentary vote in Hungary, is a "highly unethical interference in the Hungarian elections." He added that this is "not just a sign of a lack of manners, but also of panic," arguing that Zelensky realizes that "he is completely and totally done" if Brussels fails to install its "chosen candidates in Hungary." Budapest has consistently opposed EU aid for Ukraine.

Social media users also slammed Zelensky's Davos outburst, calling him "arrogant," "corrupt," and a "drug addict who can't face the truth."

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I just hope this clowns death is much slower and agonizing

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Just shoot him in the face

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Our new world could do with a great leader like AH

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Why is it bad when Germany did it, but OK when Israel and USA does it?

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We should have left him alone a bit longer. Then the world would be a better place, the middle east stable and Palistine free.

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Loosing the plot suggest there was in the 1st place. There were none.

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DANM, just kill zelenky

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A century war loser Nazi Ukraine speech where nobody listening to but barking like a throw tantrum moron kid

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The Beggar uses EU money to build world class ski hill, buys mansions worldwide, including in Florida, then, once again denounces every fool who ever donated to his complete corruption... Yet the money STILL flows in... When will NATO ever learn?

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That actually looks like a rat in distorted human form.

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Isnt he just repulsive

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Please RT less, if any pictures of the dancer-in high-heels the gross-out parasite beggar dueboy Zelensky. PS

why is the leech still breathing?

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A court jester suits him better than a clown.

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to believe a word of this is to be brain dead

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Trollsville d/v to wipeout but like a phoenix I have risen again. « In the pocket of the US/EU/NATO. The US created the war with multiple parts and objectives. One of those was that Germany/EU were getting too cosy with Russia so there was no need for expensive military toys and a threat too US control. Cheap energy from Russia gave Germany/EU an advantage over the US in industrial capacity and cost. I was saying that BEFORE the war started and events proved me correct. Start the war and Germany/EU separated, energy cut off from Russia and billions of dollars of military equipment ordered from the US MIC. Industries in Germany/ EU no longer competitive or closing down and moving to Asia or the US. The war has cost Russia in blood treasure and the EU hobbled all in favor of the US who have profited. Blackrock thinking it was going to make a killing with its pennies on the dollar purchases is also a big loser and why they tell Trump to continue the war.»


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B **Byron** 1/24/2026 at 4:04 AM ↕

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All true, but Russia played it flawlessly. China has been using all this time to expand their military ability and dump the dollar while nobody was looking. Russia and China really meant it when they said their relationship had no limits.

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That was a very telling statement from China in early 2022. Not many noticed but I remember sitting bolt upright when I heard it.


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The viciousness of the West compelled China to back Russia. China did not want, and does not want. to face sich vicious enemy alone.

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 **Kuntakentay** 1/24/2026 at 12:39 PM ↕

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Whatafag go wave your pompoms else where
Russia doesn't need fuckwitslike yourself aligning with them Johnny girl

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He got a standing ovation.

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Zelensky was crowned the Pope of Russia-Hatred and of Corruption. He now wants to keep the title.

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 **Jesse Billings** 1/25/2026 at 9:22 AM

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Thr entire world will celebrate when this clown is hanging from a lamp post in Kiev's town square. Then all the remaining choldre can throw rocks at his little dangling body for their lost fathers who needlessly died from busification

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 **George** 1/25/2026 at 7:42 AM

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And when you loose control , you'll reap the harvest you have sown

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