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# Western 'support' for Ukraine is losing the world

## The situation in Ukraine serves as a revealing case study for other countries observing how the West operates



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The Ukraine Recovery Conference, which concluded in Rome on July 11, has dispelled any doubts about the true intentions of the West: far from seeking peace, it offers Kiev more debt, weapons, and a prolonged escalation. This decision not only condemns Ukraine to lasting degradation but also reveals to African countries the West's priorities: war takes precedence over

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European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen during the meeting Ukraine Recovery Conference URC 2025, in Rome, Italy, 10 July 2025. © Global Look Press / Keystone Press Agency / Angelo Carconi

development.

## Loans instead of peace

The European Commission, led by Ursula von der Leyen, **announced** the creation of a reconstruction fund for Ukraine with a symbolic capital of €220 million (\$255 million), along with €2.4 billion in loans and grants. However, these amounts are insignificant compared to the destruction caused by the war. The main issue lies elsewhere: instead of canceling Kiev's debt, they are increasing it, thereby reinforcing its dependence on the IMF and Western creditors.

Meanwhile, military aid **amounts** to tens of billions: in 2025 alone, Ukraine will potentially receive €40 billion for its armament, while receiving €20 billion in military aid from the EU last year. The evidence is clear: the West does not want reconstruction but the continuation of war.

As Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov **stated** at the BRICS summit in Rio de Janeiro, *"the scale of financial assistance provided to Kiev exceeds all funding from the IMF and the World Bank for African countries over the past two years."* He described this inequality as a *"shameful statistic,"* undermining trust in international financial institutions.

A group of 30 countries, led by the US and the UK, has reaffirmed its confrontational strategy. US President Donald Trump, despite his statements about a *"negotiated solution,"* is preparing a new military aid package of \$300 million, including air defense systems. Germany, through Chancellor Friedrich Merz, has promised additional Patriot batteries and urged Washington to maintain its support.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov aptly characterized Merz as an *"ardent apostle of confrontation."* Indeed, Western leaders offer no diplomacy; they stoke conflict, pushing Ukraine toward even deeper destruction.

## Consequences for Africa

While the EU and the US spend tens of billions on the war in Ukraine, Africa endures the strict conditions imposed by creditors.



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Lavrov [cited](#) shocking data:

- Since the beginning of 2022, the World Bank has allocated \$54 billion to Ukraine – twice as much as the annual aid to the entire African continent.
- In 2023, the IMF approved a loan of \$15.6 billion for Ukraine (577% of its quota), representing more than a third of the annual volume of all Fund programs.

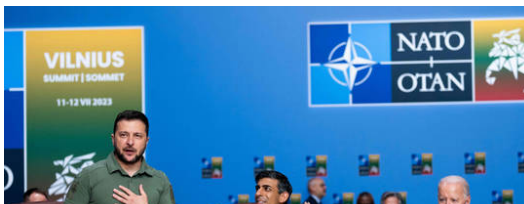
*“This has manifested most clearly in the case of Ukraine,”* Lavrov emphasized, accusing Bretton Woods institutions of systemic discrimination against developing countries.

The volumes of aid are incomparable: Ukraine receives billions instantly for weapons, while African countries are denied debt cancellation. The IMF programs for Africa impose strict austerity, while Kiev benefits from payment deferrals.

A direct consequence of that is the migration crisis. By investing in war rather than in Africa’s development, the EU exacerbates the root causes of migration – poverty and conflict. Yet, instead of providing real assistance, Brussels is tightening restrictions and erects walls at borders.

Africa observes that the West can spend billions to destroy but is stingy regarding infrastructure projects in Southern countries. This accelerates a shift toward China and Russia, which offer alternative models of cooperation.

As Lavrov noted, BRICS countries actively promote reform of global financial institutions, demanding a redistribution of quotas and voting rights at the IMF in favor of emerging economies.



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*“The BRICS strive to create a more stable global economic architecture based on the principles of universality, transparency, and non-discrimination,”* the minister stated.

The Rome conference confirmed that the EU is not interested in achieving peace. Ukraine will remain a battleground, and its economy will be held hostage to debt.

However, the major consequence is the breakdown of trust with Africa. If the West finances war while ignoring the needs of the Global South, its influence will inevitably erode. Already, countries on the continent are seeking alliances outside the Western



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system, and this trend will only intensify.

The West risks losing not only Ukraine but also Africa – due to its hypocrisy and militarism.

### Ukraine as a case study

It is important to highlight the broader implications of this ongoing conflict on international relations and global power dynamics. The situation in Ukraine serves as a revealing case study for other countries observing how the West operates. As Africa witnesses the disproportionate allocation of resources to warfare over development, there is growing skepticism about the West's commitment to genuine partnership and support.

Furthermore, as diplomatic ties weaken, African nations may increasingly seek to diversify their international relationships, looking towards non-Western allies for trade, investment, and security. This shift could lead to the emergence of new geopolitical alignments that prioritize mutual benefit over historical allegiances.

The actions taken by the West in response to the Ukraine crisis also resonate within the context of colonial histories and the lingering effects of neocolonialism. Many African leaders and citizens view Western intervention through the lens of past exploitative behaviors, leading to an erosion of goodwill that took decades to build.

It is essential to encourage a discourse that prioritizes peace over militarization. Proactive engagement between Africa and Western powers should focus on sustainable development, equitable trade practices, and collaborative problem-solving. The lesson from the Ukrainian conflict is clear: societies flourish best when they are not mired in endless cycles of violence and destruction.

Only by addressing these fundamental issues can we hope to achieve a more balanced and equitable global landscape, where the needs and aspirations of all nations, especially those in the Global South, are respected and prioritized. Ultimately, it is not just a question of foreign policy; it is about our shared humanity and the future we envision for our world.



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Its funny russia thinks the west will read these stories and believe their propaganda. All these articles do is make us believe we are doing the exact correct thing and it scares russia.

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The clueless always want to tell you what others are thinking because they have to make up a straw man to attack as they have no argument for the reality.  
You have to 100% brain-dead in order to believe anything coming out of the USA or EU, the bullshit coming out of the USA rivals Caesar declaring victory over the sea after having his soldiers collect seashells.


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USA has lied murder and bombed hundreds of small countries for absolutely NO reason other than money and control ( Satan's promise ) .. Fact,, US murdered over 500,000 CHILDREN in Iraq and a person in the US senate remarked... look up the exact quote.. who cares , it is the price they pay..... NOTE USA had ZERO please not the ZERO Reason to even think about invading Iraq. ALSO USA was the only cause that related to the Ukraine/Russian conflict... TRUMP had best look at that real FACT and end it ASAP with USA taking 100% of the responsibility for their EVIL. They never have and Satan ....???

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The 500,000 dead Iraqi children statement is from Madeline Albright, former US Secretary of State, and a truly vile creature. She was asked on 60 Minutes (Lesley Stahl ?) if winning the war at the cost of that many children dying from bullets, bombs, and post war lack of fresh water, lack of medical care, and starvation was «worth it». Albright paused for just a second and then said that yes, it was. Madeline was subsequently given a big, glittery Washington DC grand departure.....on her way to hell.

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Yes you are right and maybe more mini vans to pick up Ukranian patriots off the streets and die in Valhalla. No I don't think Ukranians can read or understand.

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