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Zelensky claims 'victory' is avoiding total loss of Ukraine

Moscow has repeatedly stressed it has no intention of seizing the neighboring country



Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky. © Getty Images / Kristian Tuxen

Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky has claimed Russian President Vladimir Putin wants to occupy the whole of the country, and that Kiev can claim "victory" in the conflict as long as this does not happen.

Russia has long stressed that it has no intention of occupying Ukraine in full. Putin reiterated this when the conflict escalated

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withdrew.

Since then, Moscow has consistently said any peace settlement requires Ukrainian neutrality, demilitarization, and recognition of Crimea, Donetsk, Lugansk, Kherson, and Zaporozhye as Russian territory.

Zelensky, however, insisted in an [interview](#) with ABC News' Martha Raddatz which aired on Sunday that Moscow's ambitions go further. *"Putin's goal is to occupy Ukraine, it is to destroy us... For him that's victory,"* he claimed. *"And until he can do it, the victory is on our side... For us to survive is a victory."*

He also accused Putin of *"playing games"* by holding a summit with US President Donald Trump in Alaska while allegedly refusing to meet with him, and claimed the Russian leader is not truly interested in peace.

Putin and Trump met in Anchorage on August 15. Although the summit produced no breakthroughs, both sides described it as a positive step. Trump's remarks afterward fueled speculation of a potential Putin-Zelensky meeting. Kremlin aide Yury Ushakov later [said](#) no agreement had been reached, although Putin has not ruled out a meeting, despite questioning Zelensky's legitimacy after his presidential term expired. Putin has stressed, however, that talks can only occur after tangible progress in negotiations.

Last week, Putin struck a cautiously optimistic note about the prospects for peace, saying *"there is light at the end of the tunnel"* given the US shift to peace mediation. Kirill Dmitriev, Putin's aide on international economic affairs, echoed the sentiment on Sunday, saying that *"peace is close precisely because of Trump-Putin dialogue."*

in February 2022, and again later that year when Russian troops reached Kiev but then

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On Sunday, Trump told reporters he planned further talks with Putin *“over the next couple of days,”* vowing *“to get it done – the Russia-Ukraine situation”* soon.

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In that case Zelensky will win. Russia has never wanted the whole of Ukraine, just a buffer zone.


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 **Richard Castle** 9/8/2025 at 5:09 PM 0

Oh so many lies these days. Is there a political figure that doesn't lie? Well I know Starmer does and from what the European leaders come out with, they never ever tell the truth.

Far be it for me to tell the population of Europe what to believe, but 55 years of listening to the political classes spew forth claptrap every day, makes me wish for Russian citizenship.

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 **paul figaro** 9/8/2025 at 5:00 PM 0

Great, so the war is over. Take what's left.

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T **T. Agee Kaye** 9/8/2025 at 4:41 PM **0**

«Victory» is a mansion estate in Miami, LA, and Italy. And Zelensky is aiming for total victory.

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+ **Martino** 9/8/2025 at 10:24 AM **8**

Why do you have to report every fart coming out of this gangster?

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🦋 **Pegasus** 9/8/2025 at 4:12 PM **0**

So that the world would know his state of mind and hallucinations.

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🦋 **Alex Baker** 9/8/2025 at 4:05 PM **0**

Well Zelensky is all over the map, seeming more and more like a madman than anything else as of late. However, neither President Putin nor the Russian people want to «conquer» all of Ukraine. That would be a huge undertaking, fraught with every possible type of peril. In many ways, it could make the insurgency in Iraq against the American forces pale in comparison. Putin knows this. So if Zelensky wants the war to end without losing it all, now would be the time to make a deal, because while Putin is reluctant to go that far west, things are approaching a point of no return on that decision, and Kiev knows it.

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S **Sachidanandam Vivekanandan** 9/8/2025 at 3:22 PM **0**

Zelensky maintains a separate english dictionary, wherein victory may have different meaning from the standard one.

He is cheating the whole world with the support of the NATO including Trump!!!

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