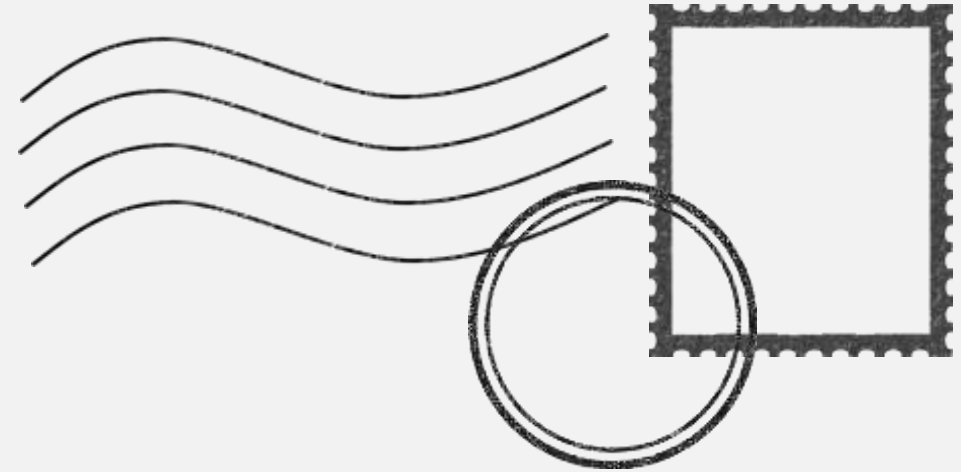


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Special Military Operation: World Tour

An analysis of the Russia-Ukraine conflict and possible solutions

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Problem Statement

A war/ “special military operation” has currently broken out between Russia and Ukraine, but is involving the whole world. This conflict stems from the Cold War and the dissolution of the Soviet Union. The conflict has caused food shortages, death, destruction of infrastructure, and a wide scale refugee crisis for Ukraine while also effectively cutting off those within the Russian borders from the rest of the world. Other countries are experiencing inflation and supply chain disruptions as a result of the conflict. The solution for this problem will not happen overnight. It will take compromise, collaboration, time, and understanding.

Policy Context



- **Cause**
 - Dissolution of the Soviet Union
 - Ukraine integrating with Western Europe
 - NATO expansion
- **Symptoms**
 - Invasion of Ukraine, refugee crisis, inflation, supply chain disruptions, oil shortages, food supply shortages, family separations, and the threat of nuclear war
- **Key Stakeholders**
 - Russian and Ukraine governments
 - Those living within Ukrainian borders
 - Those living within Russian borders
 - Surrounding countries
 - Global Implications

Policy Formation

- **Temporary Protection Directive**: Allows Ukrainian refugees to move freely in the E.U
 - **Unite For Ukraine Program**: Allows non profits and other Americans a chance to sponsor refugees provided they can financially. Biden wants to accept 100,000 refugees
 - **Lend-Lease Act**: The U.S to provides financial and military aid to Ukraine upon request
 - **World Food Program**: Emergency operation providing food assistance to fleeing Ukrainians and neighbouring countries
 - **Economic sanctions on Russia**: Governmental and private sanctions on the Russian government, banking, private business and oligarchs
- If we are looking at what kinds of policies have been enacted when economic hardship has affected the entire world, historically we can look to the New Deal and the War Powers Act
 - Some of our policy recommendations follow the design of the New Deal, where government stimulus will create fund areas of need and job growth, and the production of those goods and services will in turn fund the repayment of those stimulus, fill the area of need and create jobs for those in need and those coming to the United States as refugees.
 - Programs used to inspire recommendations would be the Public Works Administration, National Youth Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps
 - In order to incentivize companies to produce the goods and services necessary and employ refugees and those in need President Biden should be encouraged to enact the War Powers Act as presidents in the past have done

Policy Analysis

Hosting Countries ¹	Total projected refugee population by July 2022*
Hungary	250,000
Moldova	100,000
Poland	1,500,000
Romania	250,000
Slovakia	60,000
Other Countries	1,840,000
Total	4,000,000

* Population figures of new arrivals are based on estimations and will be reassessed as the situation evolves.

Refugee Crisis

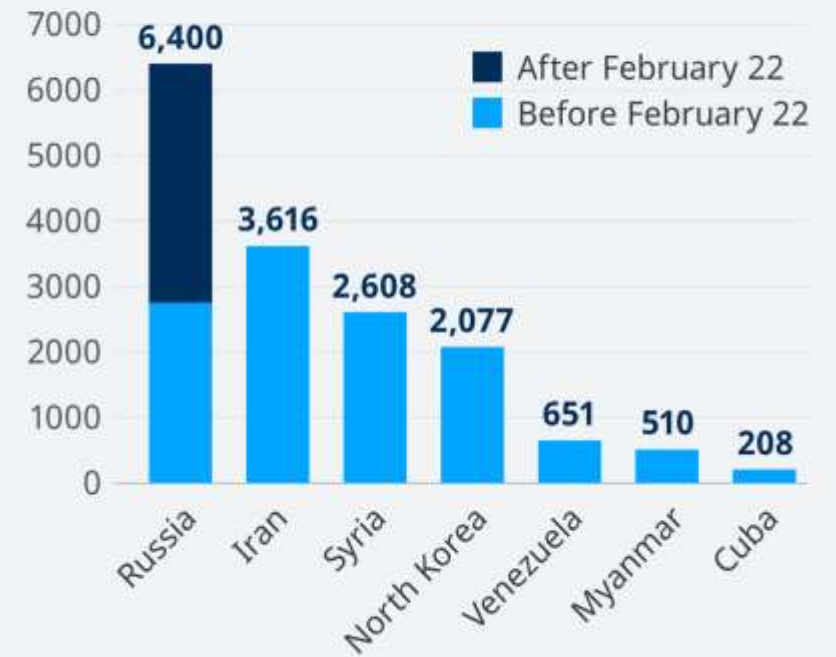
\$40 billion in security and economic assistance

- The High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) hits targets 45 miles away, and comes with increased targeting capacity.
- Javelin anti-tank missiles
- Stinger anti-aircraft missiles
- powerful artillery and precision rocket systems
- Radar systems
- unmanned aerial vehicles
- Mi-17 helicopters
- ammunition

Lend-Lease Act

Russia is now the world's most sanctioned country

Number of sanctions

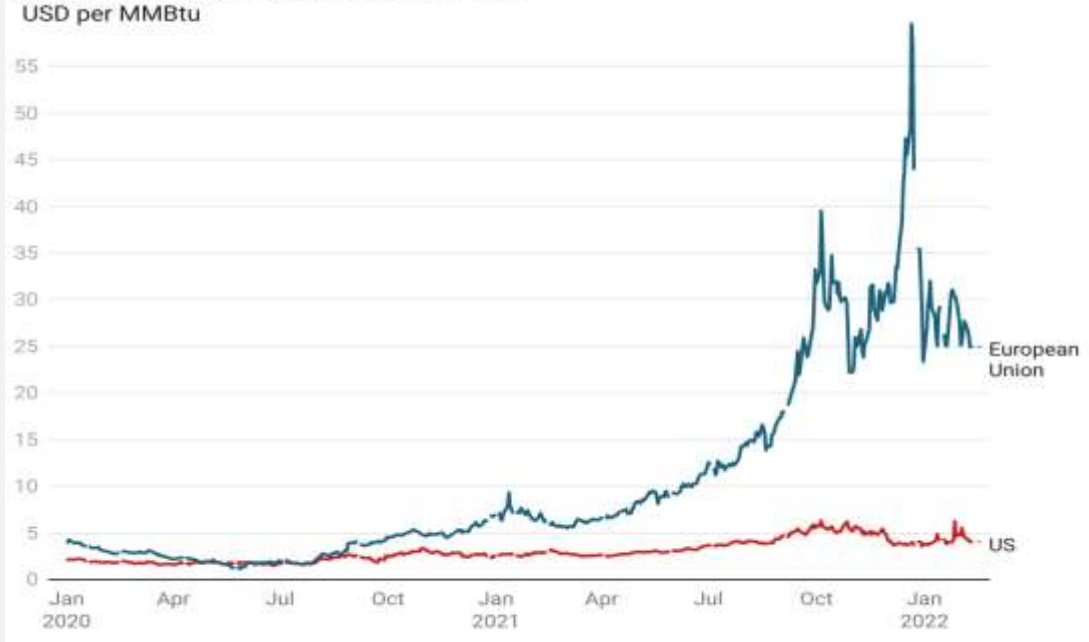


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Economic Sanctions

Policy Analysis

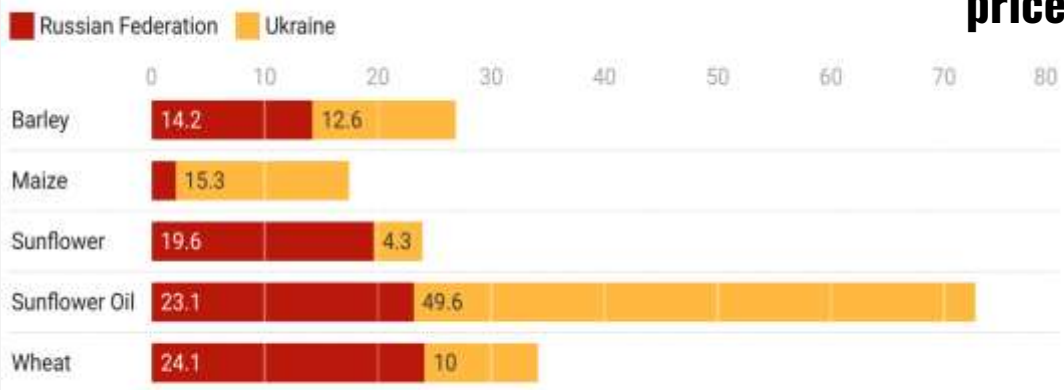
Natural Gas, Domestic Prices



US price based on Natural Gas, next month, contract. European price based on Dutch TTF contract.
Chart: David Laborde

Impact of global food chain and gas prices

Share in global markets, volume



Intra-EU trade excluded from computations.
Chart: David Laborde • Source: COMTRADE • Created with Datawrapper

2/28/22	Ukraine neutral, Russia refuses to deploy weapons
3/3/22	Discussion of military, international, humanitarian issues. Temporary ceasefire to organize humanitarian corridors
3/7/22	Russia requests Ukraine end hostilities and amend its Constitution to never join any bloc, recognize Crimea as Russian and Donetsk and Luhansk as independent states
3/10/22	Ukraine requests cease-fire, territorial independence and unconditional solution to all humanitarian disasters caused by Russia, Russia says yes, possibly, if Ukraine meets Russia's condition and rejects humanitarian requests
3/29/22	Continued negotiations over Crimea and other separatist regions, Ukraine agrees not to join any blocs, military alliances, or allow foreign military bases to be stationed in Ukrainian territory, no more breakthroughs came after this meeting and future prospects of negotiations and peace became more uncertain

Peace talks between Ukraine and Russia

Policy Implications

Impacts of Policy

- **Temporary Protection Directive and Unite For Ukraine Program:** Ukrainian refugees have a place to go and opportunities to work while conflict continues near their homes, families are reunited
- **Lease Lend Act:** Ukraine has access to the funds and weapons it needs to hold their own in this conflict
- **World Food Program:** Approximately 5 million people affected by food insecurity because of the conflict gain access to food and funds for food
- **Economic sanctions on Russia:** Russian oligarchs and the Russian government no longer have access to their funds, which impacts Russia's ability to provide for people living within its borders and its military
 - Russia itself has banned exports of more than 200 products and blocked investors in Russian stocks and bonds from selling them

Impacts of Lack of Policy

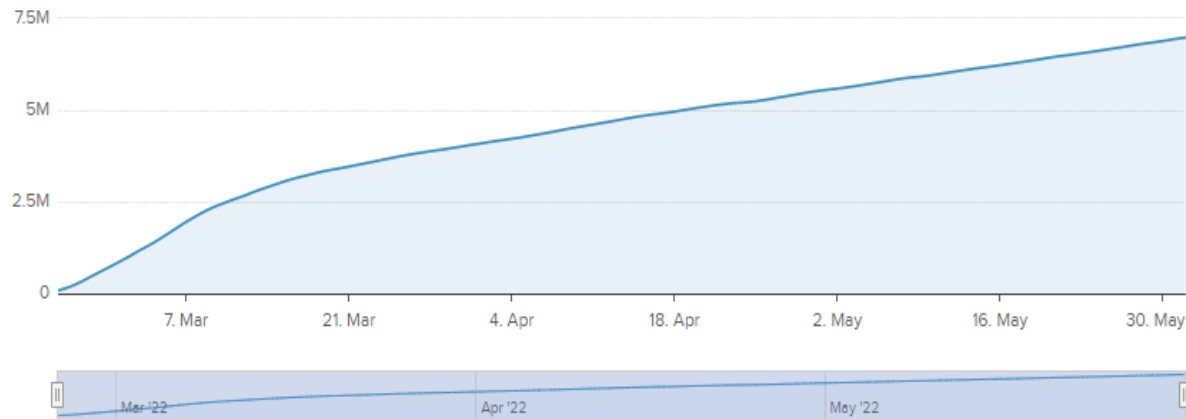
- Lack of support and rational programming for refugees will lead to socio-economic problems in the EU and around the world
 - Surplus of labor and a need for redistribution of resources
- Without future financial and weapon aid Ukraine does not stand a chance against Russia
- Massive food shortages around the world
- Price gouging on oil/gas because of supply and demand rates and lack of access to these products
- Without aggressive peace talk both sides will bear an enormous human cost



● Expansion of Unite for Ukraine Program

- United States increases acceptance of 500,000 - 1 million refugees in need from Ukraine, surrounding countries that may see conflict in the future, AND those seeking asylum from Russia over the next 2 years
 - Job and home placement secured through other programmatic recommendations and government subsidies
 - Provides an example to other wealthy western countries to step up to the responsibilities of caring and providing for Ukrainian refugees while also setting a precedent for other countries facing refugee crisis now and in the future

Border crossings from Ukraine (since 24 February 2022)*



Source - UNHCR, Government

Recommendations

● Continued economic sanctions on Russia

- Continue banning and encourage more phasing out of gas imports from Russia
 - While this may cause initial impacts to inflation and gas prices it will encourage companies to look towards options that are less reliant on gas/oil and in the long run can create jobs
- Continue freezing Russia's central bank assets and US, EU, UK sanctions on Russian oligarchs
- Use the War Powers Act to create other opportunities for the approximately 1,000 companies that have suspended trade to make other products available that we would otherwise be getting from Russia
 - Provide incentive payments for companies to hire, train and recruit refugees from the conflict

Recommendations

- **Move from reliance on imports that would come from Russia to in-country production**
 - Executive order of the War Powers Act to boost production of eco-friendly products/cars to reduce reliance on oil and gas
 - Priority job and home placement to refugees from conflict
 - Less reliance on oil/gas products and cars helps with inflation issues that affect everyday Americans and helps to reduce environmental impact
 - Government stimulus to farmers boost production of wheat to reduce reliance on wheat from Eastern Europe
 - Priority job and home placement to refugees from the conflict
 - Expansion of US role in the World Food Program
 - Excess product used for sale and profit to pay stimulus back

- **Peace Talks under the UN auspices:**
 - Stop the fighting and negotiate about delivering humanitarian aid and repairing infrastructure damage
 - Crimea, the DNR, and the LNR should be discussed peacefully, and its solution might take 5-10 years
 - Put a halt to active military activities in Ukraine



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