

Gas Prices Are Dropping... Does This Mean The Russian-Ukrainian War Is Over?



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The war explained

Following decades of withstanding tensions and recent months of army preparation, Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered Russian troops to invade the country of Ukraine from all borders. In an attack that no one saw coming, a number of cities were targeted with an emphasis on the capital of Kyiv. Hundreds of innocent Ukrainians were murdered in the crossfire, hundreds more were wounded, and over a million Ukrainians have had no choice but to flee the country for safety. Conflict between the two countries dates all the way back to the 18th century, and Ukraine has since tried declaring its independence from Russia on numerous occasions. Although this war may appear to be specific to the two countries, the rest of the world is reaping the consequences of the invasion.

How the war affects the U.S. and other countries

In an effort to show their disdain for Russia's actions, the United States and other countries around the world have paused their involvement with Russia. These countries heightened their sanctions on Russia in recent months which catapulted them into an economic crisis. The following are some of the ways that countries placed sanctions on Russia in response to their Ukraine invasion:

- Iceland publicly condemns Russia's actions
- Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs denies entry visas to all Russians
- The United Kingdom freezes assets for five Russian banks
- Australia imposes financial sanctions and travel bans on Russian officials
- The United Kingdom halts their exports of aviation or space-related items and technology to Russia

Aside from travel bans and financial freezes, the most universal ruin to come out of this war is the sudden surge in gas prices worldwide. This surge is the result of numerous sanctions against Russia from countries around the world. Since Russia is a leading producer in oil supply, the country has limited its supply for everyone. Gas may not have returned to its pre-war prices, but they are headed in that direction despite the fact the situation in Ukraine has not improved.

How to support those affected in Ukraine

There are a number of ways that we can offer support to the people of Ukraine during this time. The most common and convenient option is through donations to charities and non profit organizations that are committed to aiding Ukrainians. The following are organizations that are supporting the people of Ukraine through the current war:

- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF): Ensures that health, hygiene and emergency education supplies are delivered to children in need who are as close to the line of contact as possible. Those interested in making a donation to this organization can do so [here](#).
- Voices of Children: Provides psychological and psychosocial support to children and families through art therapy, video storytelling, and the recruitment of mobile psychologists all while assisting with evacuation efforts. Those interested in making a donation to this organization can do so [here](#).
- UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR): Provides emergency aid such as cash assistance, education, and resettlement efforts in the United States. Those interested in making a donation to this organization can do so [here](#).

As Russian efforts persist and tensions increase, we cannot be sure of when the Russian-Ukrainian War is likely to end. The best we can do is to stay informed of what is happening for our awareness and understanding. For more details on ways you can offer your support to Ukraine, email maya@agencyevolve.com.