



## Joe Biden's Vision for America's Relationship with Ukraine

*"I've been inspired by [the people of Ukraine], their courage, their resilience, brave Ukrainians who never gave up hope for a future of something better, who get up and go to work every day for a democratic and united Ukraine."* Joe Biden, Kyiv, Ukraine, January 17, 2017

### What Has Joe Biden Done for Ukraine?

- During the Obama-Biden Administration, the United States led the international condemnation of Russia's invasion of Crimea and the Donbas:
  - It [developed a coordinated sanctions regime](#) with the European Union and other countries, which imposed significant costs on Russia for its aggression.
  - It spearheaded the effort to punish Russian President Vladimir Putin by isolating him diplomatically, [kicking Russia out](#) of the G8, and distancing Putin from the international community to ensure that there was "no business as usual."
- Joe Biden was the point person for Ukraine policy, overseeing a broad U.S. effort to support Ukraine. He [visited Ukraine six times](#), including during his final week in office. Biden spoke regularly with Ukrainian officials, and he encouraged them to keep Ukraine on the path of reform.
  - Under Biden's leadership, the U.S. helped Ukraine defend against Russian aggression by providing training to Ukrainian soldiers, by giving Ukraine [critical equipment](#), including counter-battery radars that protected Ukrainian soldiers against incoming fire.
  - Biden championed the Obama-Biden Administration's initiative to help Ukraine develop a new model of economic growth driven by the private sector and based on the rule of law.
- To safeguard Ukraine from energy shortages due to a potential Russian gas cut-off, the [U.S. worked](#) to ensure that Ukraine received the gas to survive through the winter.
- Joe Biden took a strong stand against corruption in Ukraine.
  - The [U.S. did not hand over money](#); the U.S. worked closely with the [International Monetary Fund](#) and the [European Union](#) to condition American support on reforms to fight corruption and make Ukraine's government work for the Ukrainian people.
  - Biden led a bipartisan effort that made the U.S. a lifeline for Ukraine when Ukraine was fighting for survival. Thanks in part to U.S. aid, Ukraine remains an independent state, even in the midst of a war with Russia.

### What Will Joe Biden Do for Ukraine?

- Joe Biden understands what Donald Trump does not: that Ukraine is fighting to defend its independence and sovereignty. Ukraine's success will contribute to a more stable and secure Europe, which is in America's interest.
- Biden will push to end the conflict in Ukraine, and will work with our European allies to support Ukraine as it pursues the sovereign, democratic, and prosperous future it deserves.
- Joe Biden will provide military assistance to Ukraine, including lethal military equipment, to help Ukraine defend itself against Russia.
- Joe Biden will engage Ukraine's government, business, and civic leaders to dismantle corruption and consolidate a society that enjoys the rule of law and ensures justice and economic opportunity for its citizens.

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