

# A Changing World



## America's president may not continue support for Ukraine

■ バチカンで会談するゼレンスキー大統領とトランプ大統領 (2025年4月26日)  
ウクライナのゼレンスキー大統領とアメリカのトランプ大統領は、ローマ教皇フランシスコの葬儀前に、バチカンのサン・ピエトロ大聖堂内で会談した。両大統領が対面するのは、2月26日にホワイトハウスで記者団の前で口論して以来だった。

Ukraine was once part of the Soviet Union, along with Russia. It became an independent country after the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991. Since then, one of Russia's biggest concerns has been whether Ukraine would remain friendly toward Russia. That is because Ukraine has always been close to Russia, both in location and in culture. Many Russians even called Ukrainians "Little

Russians." However, a revolution took place in Ukraine in 2014. The new leaders chose to move closer to countries in the West, such as the U.S. and Europe. For Russia, this was unacceptable. That same year, Russia used military force to take over Crimea, a part of Ukraine.

After the 2014 revolution, the United States continued to support Ukraine. The U.S.

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| 00. Ukraine [ju(ɹ)kɹeɪn] ウクライナ           | 15. military force 軍事力       | 56. disagreement [dɪsə'grɪmənt] 不一致、相違 |
| 01. the Soviet Union ソビエト連邦              | 15. Crimea [kraɪmɪə] クリミア半島  |  |
| 03. collapse [kə'læps] 崩壊する              | 24. aid [eɪd] 援助、補助          |  |
| 14. unacceptable [ʌnəkə'seɪptəbl] 容認できない | 28. total [təʊtəl] 合計で~となる   |  |
|  | 40. the U.S. Congress 米国連邦議会 |  |



■ ロシアによる空襲後のマリウポリの小児病院  
ロシア軍は軍事施設だけでなく、学校や病院の爆撃も行った。マリウポリの小児科病院への爆撃では、子供たちや女性、医師を含む3人が死亡し、十数人以上が負傷した。こうした被害を狙った攻撃は相手国民への精神的ダメージ、厭戦(えんせん)ムードを高める目的で行われている。

believes that the people of Ukraine should decide their own future. This belief is based on a basic U.S. policy: Countries should not use military force to change borders. The U.S. gave the Ukrainian military \$1.5 billion in aid, which it used for new weapons and military training. And even after Russia suddenly attacked Ukraine in 2022, the U.S. remained Ukraine's strongest supporter. Global aid to Ukraine totals about \$287 billion, about 40% of which comes from the U.S.

The attitude of the U.S. changed after Donald Trump became president again in 2025. Trump seemed to want to stop giving aid to Ukraine. "It's not our war," he has said. Since 2022, he has sometimes blamed the war on former President Joe Biden. He thinks the huge amount of aid is a waste, and the number of Americans who agree with him is gradually increasing.

In 2022, when he visited the U.S.

Congress, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said this: "Your money is not charity. It's an investment in the global security and democracy that we handle in the most responsible way." The U.S. has acted to protect democracy throughout the world since World War II. Most American leaders have believed that the U.S. benefits politically and economically from the spread of democracy. But Trump does not seem to feel that way. He believes that other countries are taking advantage of the United States, and the U.S. receives too little in return. Until now, the U.S. has played a major role in solving many of the world's problems. Even when there were disagreements, the U.S. acted based on certain ideas, such as democracy, peace, and human rights. However, this role may be about to change dramatically.



■ 空襲を契けるウクライナの首都キーウ (2025年5月26日)  
この空襲はロシアによる戦争開始後最大規模だった。この攻撃で、子供3人を含む少なくとも12人が死亡した。

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- Book グレンコ・アンドリー著『ロシア・ウクライナ戦争の行方 世界の運命の分岐点』扶桑社
- Book 平野 高志著『キーウで見たロシア・ウクライナ戦争 戦争のある日常を生きる』講談社

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