

Everything you need to know about the current situation in Ukraine

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WHY SHOULD I CARE?

The risk of the conflict escalating beyond Ukraine is high and thus should be a concern to everybody all around the world.

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW?

Educate yourself on the conflict and its background on the reliable sources:

- Conflict in Ukraine¹ by the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), an independent, nonpartisan membership organization, that helps Americans better understand the world and the foreign policy choices facing the US and other countries.

Putin & Russian people

- All Russian and Russian speaking people also suffer from Russia's senseless war in Ukraine.
- The actions of the government are not depicting all Russian people but jeopardizing their life, education, and future.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT?

You can donate to the following trustworthy organizations:

- Red Cross Ukraine²
- "Come Back Alive" Ukrainian Army Fund³
- Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine⁴
- United Help Ukraine⁵

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

Beware of misinformation.

- People on the Internet tend to take on overconfident stances as experts that can lead to the spread of misinformation.
- TikTok is not a super credible & trustworthy source.
- Some users are saying that they are live streaming the "Ukrainian invasion" and asking for donations — but the videos they're posting are portraying old conflicts, scenes from movies and even video game battles as if showing on-the-ground live footage.

Recognize & avoid fake news.

- Double check everything you watch or read on the Internet.
- Don't rely on one source only - try to check several sources for diverse, in-depth and thought-provoking perspectives of the crisis as it unfolds.
- Check the list of the *best sources for accurate reporting*⁶ on Instagram.



* scan this QR code to access the links

WHAT SHOULD I AVOID DOING?

Stop joking.

- Joking about one's own trauma can be jarring, but it is a normal reaction. Joking about another's, however, is less appropriate. While the war in Ukraine is jarring to everyone, posting jokes about the crisis is inconsiderate.
- The war in Ukraine is not touching the vast majority of Americans in any way besides the distant fear of consequences. Publicly coping with the brutal and harrowing events unfolding, especially online, where it could reach those who are genuinely touched by war, is inappropriate.
- Before joking - even ironically - about the current situation, think if the same joke would be funny for all those people in Ukraine.
- Today's trends like "yassification of war" or any other fun and simple way to describe the current conflict would never be accurate - such a serious global conflict should never be explained in such a ridiculous and misleading way.

Stop posting irrelevant stuff (again: Tiktoks, jokes, etc.)

- Please don't use current conflict between Russia and Ukraine to thirst for more likes
- Ukrainians are preparing Molotov cocktails in their homes, hiding in their subways, and learning how to fight because their lives depend on it. You can be stressed, but, living in a safe and comfortable place, your experience is most likely not comparable. Jokes about "Daddy Vladdy" may entertain you, but it is probably less amusing for those persecuted by Putin's actions.

Consider the consequences of your words and actions.

- Discrimination, bullying, harassment, or other negative attitude towards Russians or Russian speaking people are unacceptable acts that would and should be reported immediately at OSU.
- Don't contribute to the spread of misinformation - don't share information you are not certain about.

