

**HOW CAN THE**



**RUSSIA/UKRAINE**

**CONFLICT**

**BE RESOLVED?**



# HISTORY AND ROOTS

1991



## END OF SOVIET UNION



Ukraine became **independent**

Russia wants to continue to exert influence over Ukraine

≠  
Ukraine wants closer ties with Europe

2014



## ANNEXATION OF CRIMEA



**Crimea:** strategic territory on the Black Sea coast

In **Donbass:** tensions with separatists who launched a war against Ukraine

2022

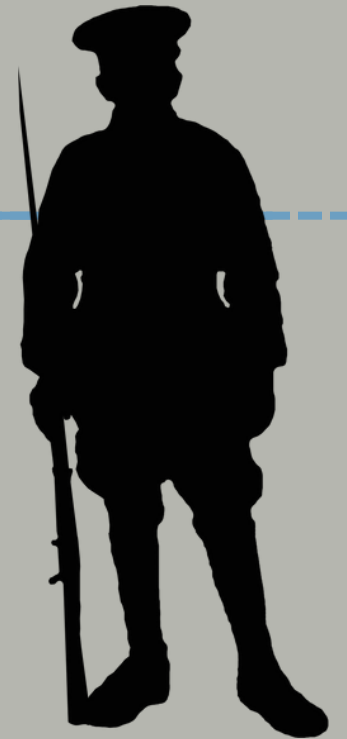


## LARGE-SCALE INVASION

Increase in **military attacks** and mutual **violence**

**Open war**

**Disrupting** the balance in Europe



# THE CURRENT SITUATION



Hundreds of thousands of soldiers and tens of thousands of civilians died.



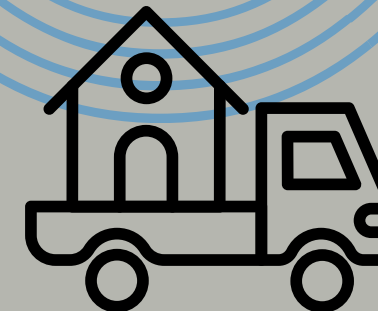
Intense combat  
War of attrition



Western sanctions against Russia, restrictions on Russian gas and oil



Ukraine : support of the West (US and EU)  
Russia is seeking support from China, Iran, and countries in the Global South.



Millions of Ukrainians have left their country to seek refuge in Europe.

# PROBLEMS AND OBSTACLES THAT PREVENT PEACE



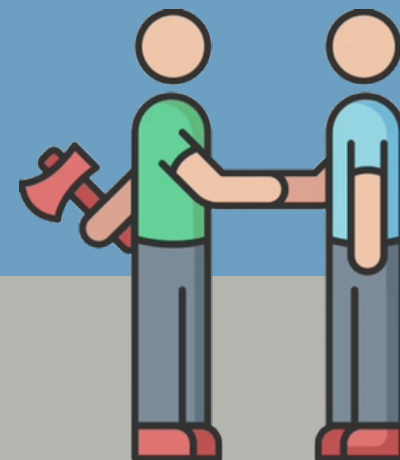
## DISPUTED TERRITORIES

- Economic impact
- Population and labour impact
- Trade and investments



## MUTUAL DISTRUST

- Ukraine doesn't trust Russian promises
- Russia fears incitement by NATO



## RISK OF ESCALATION

- War could directly involve NATO
- Possible use of nuclear weapons



## INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL DIMENSION

- For Vladimir Putin, retreat will be seen as a defeat
- For Ukraine, ceding territories would be seen as betrayal



# SCENARIOS CONSIDERED



**1** **DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS (UN,  
TURKEY, CHINA AS MEDIATORS)**

**4** **MILITARY VICTORY OF ONE SIDE  
(UNCERTAIN AND COSTLY)**

**2** **MILITARY NEUTRALITY OF UKRAINE**

**5** **SECURITY GUARANTEES FOR UKRAINE**

**3** **TERRITORIAL AGREEMENTS (SPECIAL  
STATUS, CRIMEA ISSUE)**

**6** **FROZEN CONFLICT (NO PEACE  
TREATY, LIKE KOREA)**

**WHICH OF THESE SCENARIOS  
SEEMS THE MOST REALISTIC TO  
YOU, AND WHY ?**

