

# **Substack Review for *Just Peace* *Ukraine 2024a15***

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## ¶ [Aaron Ross Powell](#)

✳️ [Justice and the Status Quo](#)

## ¶ [Adam Tooze](#)

✳️ [The population revolution of the 20th century, \[pay-walled\] Russia's machine-tool supplies, ice-free Great Lakes and the radical 1970s](#) — Chartbook Newsletter

## ¶ [Addison Hodges Hart](#)

✳️ [The Gospels, part 14: prepping for the Gospel of Thomas](#) — Four videos

✳️ [To you all for New Year's Day: two bits of spiritual advice...](#) — as 2024 dawns, whether we wish it to or not...

✳️ [David B., Robert W., and I answer a question concerning the "Hartian style"](#)

## ¶ [Alessandra Hay](#) and [Myroslava Tanska-Vikulova](#) $\psi$ $\psi$

✳️ [Ukrainian corruption](#) — Cynical Ukraine opponents point to it to justify their views. Meet the man doing the real work to bust it down. Meanwhile, Myroslava describes enduring the worst attacks in Kyiv since the war began.

## ¶ [Alexander Vindman](#)

✳️ [January 2024 Geopolitical Outlook](#)

✳️ [What Does the Hospitalization of SecDef Austin Mean](#)

## ¶ [Alex Massie](#)

✳️ [Hiding Behind History](#) — An interview[: Lambert] with [Khalidi] a leading Palestinian historian — demonstrates the impossibility of progress

## ¶ [The Angry Demagogue](#)

✳️ [Is Israel a Fragile Country?](#) — Can it move on the Road to Anti-Fragility?

## ¶ [Arun](#)

✳️ [Jacques Delors, R.I.P.](#)

## ¶[Bruderhof](#)

\*[lessons Mary teaches us](#) — and things the heart ponders

## ¶[Chris Arnade](#)

\*[Why the US can't have nice things, part 2](#) — Or a small travel tale

\*[Walking Sofia \(Bulgaria\)](#) — An underappreciated insecure city

## ¶[Claire Berlinski](#)

\*[Test your 2023 forecasts!](#) — Did you think I'd forget?

\*[The Best of 2023](#) — A paywall-free selection of the year's best articles.

The selection includes this connected series —

\*[Then and Now](#) — The America First Committee

\*[The Unlikely Hero and the Charlatan](#) — The Ukraine War, Chris Christie, and Vivek Ramaswamy. Part I.

\*["For every problem, there is a solution that is simple, neat, and wrong."](#) — The Ukraine War, Chris Christie, and Vivek Ramaswamy. Part II.

\*[Ramaswamy's X Telegram](#) — The Ukraine War, Chris Christie, and Vivek Ramaswamy. Part III.

and also a conversation between Claire and her father David Berlinski —

\* [It's the David Berlinski Cosmopolicist!](#) — My Pop joins us to explain why the world is so screwed up. Don't miss this rare, collector's item Cosmopolicist.

\*["This reality is no longer tolerable. ... It's time for your sons to enlist in the IDF."](#) — Having lost hope for any change in the male leadership of the Haredi world, national-religious women, demanding that Haredi men serve as do their own sons, are reaching out to Haredi women, instead.

## ¶[Daniel W. Drezner](#)

\*[Is the Country... Continuing to Get Better And Better?](#) — I'm going to keep hammering this point home until the data suggests otherwise.

\*[Stability, Chaos, and the 2024 Election](#) — A few scattered thoughts on two stories that came over the transom.

\*[Substack's Choice](#) — Disappointing to say the least.

\*[The Best Work on \[global\] Political Economy in 2023](#) — Presenting the 15th annual Albies (Albies are named after Otto Albert Hirschman — 2012Z10, aged 97)

✳️ [2024 and the American Cycle of Illiberalism](#) — Let's start off 2024 with an optimistic take on a potentially pessimistic year.

✳️ [The Greatest Scandal Of Any College or University in History?](#) — A few thoughts on Elise Stefanik's dubious empirical claim.

✳️ [My End of the World Syllabus](#) — Don't tell me you're not intrigued.

✳️ [I Am Still Optimistic About 2024. Sorry.](#) — A few thoughts about January 6th, the 2024 election, and doomscrolling

✳️ [Regarding the Viability of Post-Neoliberalism...](#)

## ¶ [David Bentley Hart](#)

✳️ [A Happy New Year](#) — To all of you

## ¶ [Dexter Roberts](#)

✳️ [Trade War](#) — Newsletter 195 - January 7, 2024 [Taiwan & PRC]

## ¶ [Diane Francis](#) $\psi$

✳️ [Why Ukraine Must Win](#) — December 21, 2023 [excerpt]

## ¶ [Drew Pavlou](#)

✳️ [New Podcast: Solving The Israel-Palestine Crisis With John Aziz](#) — Discussing a path out of the violence

## ¶ [Dr Sasha Dovzhyk](#) $\psi \psi$

✳️ [The End of the World](#)

## ¶ [Éamann Mac Donnchada](#)

✳️ [Politician of the Year: Pedro Sánchez. And a note on Milei](#)

## ¶ [Edgar Beltrán](#)

✳️ [Cardinal Fernández: Same-sex blessing 'does not validate or justify anything'](#) — In an interview with 'The Pillar,' the DDF's prefect discusses 'Fiducia supplicans'

## ¶ [Eliot Wilson](#)

✳️ [The two faces of foreign policy](#) — We imagine a choice between ethical idealism and amoral pragmatism, but in reality foreign policy is a difficult mixture of the two, and we need to understand that

✳️ [Toy soldiers: politicians in uniform](#) — Sir Keir Starmer visited a NATO base in Estonia this week, was given a camouflage jacket to keep him warm, and some people are furious about it...

✳️ [Sadiq Khan's damaging flights of fancy](#) — The mayor of London accepted near-free travel from United Airlines in exchange for endorsement, then tried to minimise the deal he'd made

✳️ [A Christmas miscellany: stocking-filler stories](#) — Some passing thoughts and stories to sustain readers through the haze of Christmas, whether it brings sybaritic over-indulgence or the grating of family nerves

✳️ [Matt Hancock for PM? 19 MPs thought so](#) — Politicians don't like admitting they got things wrong, but when it's written in black and white, it would do them no harm to reflect on why they made decisions

✳️ [The Red Sea could be 2024's front line](#) — A sharp increase in attacks on international shipping by Houthi rebels in Yemen has highlighted the global economic importance of the Red Sea remaining safe

✳️ [New Year's Eve: time to reflect and look ahead](#) — 2023 has been a strange, manic, uplifting and disheartening year, and there's no reason to think 2024 will be any different in tenor, so I've looked back and forward

✳️ [The rest is history: we all work in its shadow](#) — Politicians on the right are often accused of being obsessed by past glories, but history influences people across the spectrum in profound ways

✳️ [Big beasts in the Westminster jungle: an endangered species?](#) — Is it warm, fuzzy nostalgia or are our leading politicians in a modest phase?

✳️ [Women in Labour: what's the problem?](#) — The Labour Party has never had a female leader, unlike almost every other political party in the UK; are there historical, cultural or emotional reasons for this?

## ¶ [Farida Rustamova](#)

✳️ [How Russian Officials Plan to Recruit 400K New Contract Soldiers in 2024](#) — The Kremlin and the Defense Ministry are avoiding a second round of mobilization at all costs. But the pool of potential contract recruits is drying up.

## ¶ Freya India

✳️ [Why I'm Worried About The Rise Of Liberal Young Women](#)

¶ [Fr Thomas Plant](#)

✳️ [Bread, beasts and incense](#) — In blood and darkness, God is with us

¶ [Gabi Mitchell](#)

✳️ [A Personal Update](#) [By an IDF reservist now on active service]

¶ [Graham Piro](#)

✳️ [Universities Are Drawing The Wrong Lessons From The Capitol Hill Hearing](#) — The real solution is less—not more—censorship.

¶ [Hein de Haas](#)

✳️ [The False Link Between Climate Change and Mass Migration](#) — Here's how it really works.

¶ [Iuliia Mendel Weekly Updates](#)  $\psi$   $\psi$

✳️ [Ukraine Update December 18-24, 2023](#)

✳️ [Happy New Year, December 25-31, 2023](#)

✳️ [Ukraine Update January 1-7, 2024](#)

¶ [James M. Dorsey](#)

✳️ [Gaza war calls Middle East de-escalation into question.](#)

Claire Berlinski writes:

It's unfair to calumny Qatar for hosting Hamas when they did so at our request. (And with Israel's support.) It's not unfair to calumny Qatar for the radicalism of Al Jazeera, which in Arabic--unlike the English version--is non-stop bigotry and incitement, beamed into the home of every Arabic speaker in the region.

## ¶[Jason Crawford](#)

✳️ [2023 in review](#) — A new fellowship program, an essay with interactive animated diagrams, 65,000 words of essays, over a dozen talks and interviews, and lots of reading

## ¶[Jeffrey Cieslikowski](#)

✳️ [Banning Hate Speech Is The Wrong Response to Ireland's Riots](#) — A fast-tracked hate speech law curtails civil liberties without increasing police efficacy.

## ¶[Jon Haidt](#)

✳️ [Why Antisemitism Sprouted So Quickly on Campus \(post #1\)](#) — Chapter 3 of *The Coddling* explains how the oppressor/victim mindset created fertile ground for hate

I close this essay with the quotation that opens Chapter 3 of *The Coddling*, from [Rabbi Jonathan Sacks](#), one of the wisest people I've ever had the good fortune to meet:

*There is the moral dualism that sees good and evil as instincts within us between which we must choose. But there is also what I will call pathological dualism that sees humanity itself as radically... divided into the unimpeachably good and the irredeemably bad. You are either one or the other.*

Universities can and must free students from pathological dualism.

✳️ [What is the victim-oppressor mindset and how did it conquer the academy? \(post #2\)](#) — A condensed version of Chapter 3 of *The Coddling of the American Mind* — [Jon Haidt](#) and [Greg Lukianoff](#)

✳️ [What We Learned in 2023 About Gen Z's Mental Health Crisis](#) — Nine posts from *After Babel* tell the story — [Jon Haidt](#) and [Zach Rausch](#)

The main line of our work so far can be summarized like this: We have shown that there is an adolescent mental health crisis and it was caused primarily by the rapid rewiring of childhood in the early 2010s, from play-based to phone-based. It hit many countries at the same time and it is hitting boys as well as girls, although with substantial gender differences.

## ¶ [Kateryna Babkina](#) ψ ψ

※ [One of many?](#) — While the Western world celebrates, Ukraine keeps holding back the exterminatory attempts of russia at the cost of a lot of lives. Just in case you happen to forget, war does not do Christmas break.

## ¶ [Ken Opalo](#)

※ [Recognizing Somaliland](#) — Ethiopia is on course to break a taboo on African territorial sovereignty; and what it means for the geopolitics of the Horn and wider Red Sea region

## ¶ [Konrad Muzyka](#) ψ ψ

※ [Ukraine Conflict Monitor - Accountability and credibility](#) — Assessing our analytical performance in 2023

## ¶ [Konstantin Kisin](#)

※ ["I Came, I Saw, I Copied": Why DEI Must DIE](#)

Kisin is (we hope) arguing against preferring less competent over more competent on the grounds of “Diversity, Equality and Inclusion” — unfortunately he sometimes writes as if he were against DEI as such.



## ¶[Latika M Bourke](#)

✳️ [BYD overtakes Elon's Tesla. Why do EVs have geopolitical significance?](#) — China has long been poised to dominate the global EV market, why does it matter?

✳️ [Why China's latest target is France's Emmanuel Macron](#) — Australia's experience shows the price French brandymakers could pay as Beijing retaliates against the EU's electric car probe.

✳️ [Keir Starmer just said one of the most refreshing things I've ever heard a politician say](#) — The Labour leader revealed what keeps him up at night. [brief excerpt]

## ¶[Lawrence Freedman](#) ψ ψ

✳️ [Self-assessment: setting expectations on the Russo-Ukraine War](#)

✳️ [Israel/Gaza: Retrospect and Prospect](#) — Planning for the 'Day After'

## ¶[Lauren Wolfe](#)

✳️ [Your Primer on the Killing of Journalists in Gaza](#) — The number killed so far has smashed previous global records — by a lot.

## ¶[maksym.eristavi](#) ψ ψ

✳️ [Russian Colonialism, Exposed: Poland 1937-1947](#)

✳️ [free press eristavi: about how I was wrong.](#) — Let's talk about colonial gaze in Ukraine news coverage. And how I helped to legitimize it

## ¶[Matt Lutz](#)

✳️ [The Apparent Conflict Between Universal and Particular Language](#) — How to name specific grievances without undermining universal principles.

✳️ [What's the problem with plagiarism?](#) — There are actually three different sins of plagiarism

## ¶[Matt Osborne](#) ψ ψ

✳️ [Risk Aversion Has Enlarged The War In Ukraine](#) — The Biden administration is fundamentally unserious about winning

✳️ [Nobody In The \[US\] Military Can Explain Just Why Recruiting Is So Hard These Days](#) — Mystery has the military-industrial-intelligence complex stumped

## ¶[Michael McFaul](#) ψ ψ

✳️ **[Congress Made a Mistake in Not Approving New Aid to Ukraine This Year](#)** — Congressional division and inaction undermine American national security interests well beyond Ukraine

Think about the signal that delayed Ukraine aid sends to the leaders and people of Taiwan. If, God forbid, they are faced with the decision of whether to fight or capitulate to the People's Republic of China, they will need to soberly assess the credibility of America's commitment to helping them defend their island. Right now, we are sending a terrible message. We appear to be unreliable partners, who might change course should the war drag on too long and dismiss Taiwan as "not our problem." If leaders in Taiwan begin to develop that assessment of our unreliability, they might choose strategies of appeasement instead. (That's exactly what happened in the 1930s in Europe. For the details, read Robert Kagan's excellent *The Ghost at the Feast: America and the Collapse of World Order 1900-1941*.)

✳️ **[My 2 Favorite Books of 2023](#)**

✳️ **[McFaul's World – 2023 Year in Review](#)** — Hoping for a more peaceful 2024!

¶ [Mick Ryan](#)

\* [Israel's Long War Ahead](#) — Why the wars on Israel's periphery and beyond are unlikely to be over soon

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- ✧ [A Challenging 2024 Awaits](#) — Ukraine, Israel, Taiwan and other security challenges
- ✧ [Positional Warfare Is Ukraine's Friend in 2024](#) — What Ukraine Needs to Embrace Positional Warfare in 2024 to Deny Russian Success and Strike Back Harder in 2025
- ✧ [Russia's Mass Air Attack](#) — The Objectives and Implications of the 29 December Attacks

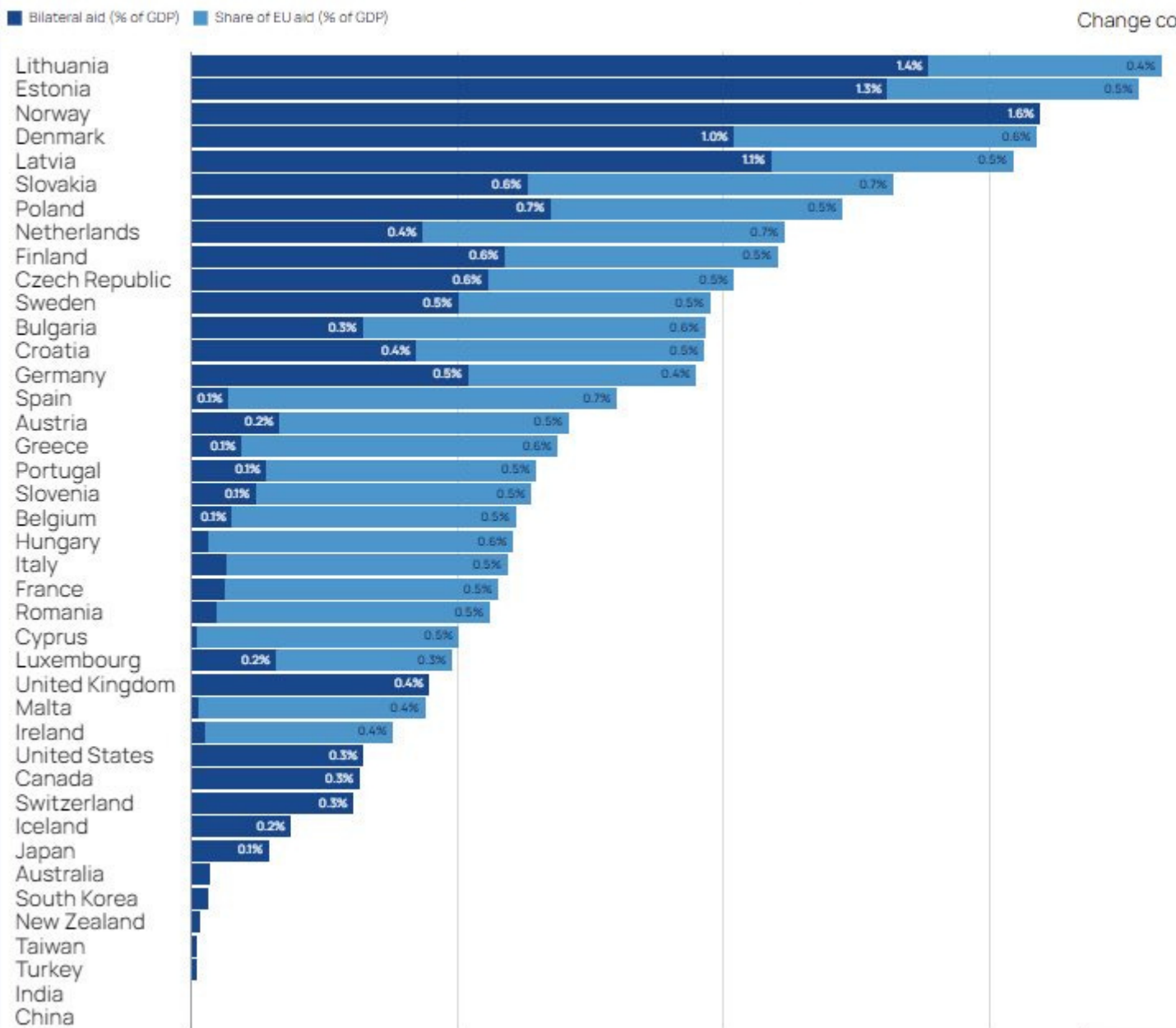
¶ [Monique Camarra](#) *ψ ψ*

✧ [Dec 25: E-Stories](#) — Day669 Kherson Tokmak Su34 F16s BehindLines  
Kulykovsky UAart UNICEF/UA Allies NATO Latvia EU GER Taiwan A&P  
Matviichuk Zelensky DefenceUkraine Zabrinsky Bengtsson Sipher Kallas ISW  
Sandu SantaClaus

## Government support to Ukraine: By donor country GDP, incl. and excl. EU share



Commitments Jan. 24, 2022 to Oct. 31, 2023. Data on 41 donor countries; scroll to see more countries



Source: Trebesch et al. (2023) "The Ukraine Support Tracker" Kiel WP

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## **¶The Musical Platypus Bob Hart**

- ✧ **HARK THE HERALD** — Recorded in my home studio
- ✧ **UP NEXT** — And another Christmas hymn before twelfth night.
- ✧ **IMPROVISATION Part One** — Wynton Marsalis said it best

## **¶Nataliya Bugayova $\psi$ $\psi$**

- ✧ **Dec 25: Nataliya Bugayova, The High Price of Losing Ukraine: Part 2 — The Military Threat and Beyond**

## **¶N.S. Lyons**

- ✧ **The West's Anti-Colonial Struggle is Real** — Just not in the direction typically assumed
- ✧ **The China Convergence by N.S. Lyons** — A recording ... from N. S. Lyon's Substack, The Upheaval — **Regina Doman** and **N.S. Lyons**

## ¶ [Pascal LTH](#)

- ✳️ [A Christmas thank you](#) — A year of posting
- ✳️ [Does it matter if Russia boosts the far right?](#) — Tackling voter apathy about foreign interference
- ✳️ [Macron's 2024 relaunch](#) — Rescuing the remains of Macron's legacy

## ¶ [Paul Benjamin Osterlund](#)

- ✳️ [Up all night in Kurtulus: Notes on the energy of a 24-hour neighborhood](#) — Neighborhoods that never sleep possess a kinetic energy which makes residing in them a constant source of inspiration in spite (or perhaps because) of the chaos and noise.

## ¶ [Paul Kingsnorth](#)

- ✳️ [Atheists in Space](#) — Or: why the future is religious
- ✳️ [Silent Mystery](#) — Fifty Holy Wells, #14

## ¶ [Peter Arcidiacono](#)

- ✳️ [What's Next for College Admissions?](#) — Murky admissions criteria got colleges into their current mess. Transparency can get them out.

## ¶ [Phillips P. OBrien](#) $\psi \psi$

- ✳️ [The Ends, Ways \[manner\] and Means \[resources\] of Ukrainian Strategy](#) — The 4 possible scenarios and the complexity of planning. [excerpt]
- ✳️ [Weekend Update #60 Ukraine shows what it can do when armed properly](#) — A case study of where we are in the war
- ✳️ [Looking Back in 2023 and Forward to 2024](#) — What I got wrong and right, and what might happen in the coming year
- ✳️ [Weekend Update #61 The Two Attacks](#) — Why the simpler, smaller operation looks to have a greater strategic impact  $\psi\psi\psi$
- ✳️ [Weekend Update #62, The Return of Strategic Bombing](#) — Also: A New Russian Offensive? and, US Political (GOP) Update

## ¶ [Rachel Kleinfeld](#)

- ✳️ [Right-Wing Populists Are Just as Bad for Business as Left-Wing Ones](#) — They distort normal market processes to reward friends and punish enemies and undermine economic growth

## ¶ [Sarcastosaurus](#) $\psi \psi$

- ✳️ [It's the Range, Stupid... Part 2](#)
- ✳️ [Don's Weekly, 28 December 2023: Part 1](#)
- ✳️ [Don's Weekly, 28 December 2023: Part 2](#)
- ✳️ [Don's Weekly, 28 December 2023: Part 3](#)
- ✳️ [Don's Weekly, 28 December, 2023: Part 4](#)
- ✳️ [Ukraine War, 29 December 2023: Start of the Winter Missile Campaign](#)
- ✳️ [Don's Weekly, 1 January 2024: Part 1](#)
- ✳️ [Don's Weekly, 1 January 2024: Part 2](#)
- ✳️ [Don's Weekly, 1 January 2024: Part 3](#)
- ✳️ [Don's Weekly, 1 January 2024: Part 4](#)
- ✳️ [Ukraine War, 3 January 2024: Round 2](#)
- ✳️ [Ukraine War, 4 January 2024: Q & A on Russian Missile Strikes](#)
- ✳️ [Don's Weekly, 8 January 2024: Part 1](#)
- ✳️ [Don's Weekly, 8 January 2024: Part 2](#)
- ✳️ [Don's Weekly, 8 January 2024: Part 3](#)

## ¶ [Shane O'Mara](#)

✳️ [Some interesting readings to get you going for 2024](#) — Sciency stuff, murder, self-improvement, effective altruism, conspiracies, bluesky, presents for new year, podcast, paleblue, and more

## ¶ [Stefan Korshak](#) *ψ ψ*

✳️ [January 7 - Day 683 - The Hranitne Bridge: "It's Up!...No it's not."](#)

## ¶ [Stephen Bradford Long](#)

✳️ [Have I Been Radicalized to the Right?](#) — Spoiler: no.

## ¶ [Sudan War Monitor](#)

✳️ [Q&A about Sudan's conflict for the uninformed](#) — Who is fighting and why?

## ¶ [Tim Mak](#) *ψ ψ*

✳️ [Free Austin Tice. And Evan Gershkovich. And...](#) — The days are long, but the years are short. Here's who we're thinking about as 2023 ends. And, in the reporter's notebook, Myroslava walks us through her favorite Ukrainian Christmas traditions. — [Tim Mak](#) and [Myroslava Tanska-Vikulova](#)



✳️ [Taiwanese pray to this water goddess for Ukraine peace](#) — We dive deep into the Taiwanese practice of Mazu worship. And we visit a Ukrainian restaurant in southern Taiwan, where a Kyiv woman cooks her native food for locals to soothe her longing for home.

## ¶ [Timothy Ash](#) $\psi$ $\psi$

✳️ [Ukraine - arguments against RU asset expropriation are academic](#)

✳️ [How Ukraine can win](#) — And how you personally can support its air defences

But it was Finnish President Sauli Niinistö who delivered the essential message: “Europe must wake up.” Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen was also admirably direct: “Ukraine lacks ammunition. Europe has not delivered what is needed. We will press for more European production. It’s urgent. And the Danish F16s will soon be in the air. The war in Ukraine is also a war for the Europe we know.” That’s the language we need.

In discussing wartime leadership, people always mention Winston Churchill’s dictum, “I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.” But in this case, the blood, sweat and tears are entirely the Ukrainians’. All that’s required of the rest of us is clear thinking, sober determination and an entirely manageable reallocation of resources. Moreover, the urgently needed defence-industrial investment will create jobs at home, as well as enhancing our own security. Is this really too much to ask?

## ¶ [Timothy Snyder](#) $\psi$ $\psi$

✳️ [Safe Skies](#) — Over more of Ukraine, thanks to you¶

✳️ [Trump cannot run for office](#) — According to the U.S. Constitution

✳️ [The Pitchfork Ruling](#) — The Trap the Commentariat Sets for the Court

✳️ [The Neighbor's House is on Fire](#) — And We Are Watching it Burn

Claire Berlinski comments —

I'm unsure what to make of Snyder's arguments about the Colorado Supreme Court. But I'm not unsure about this: He's exactly right.

✳️ [On Tyranny](#) — Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century

✳️ [Courting Ridicule](#) — When constitutionalism becomes comedy

## **¶Vivian Bercovici**

✳️ **Hamis Hostages: Day 90**

## **¶Yascha Mounk**

✳️ **Tyler Austin Harper on How to Fix American Universities** — Yascha Mounk and Tyler Austin Harper discuss the state of academia and the resignation of Harvard President Claudine Gay.

## **¶Yuri Bezmenov**

✳️ **How To Decolonize Lacrosse - Guilty Until Proven Innocent at Duke** — Subverting the demoralization agents in the media, academia, and judicial system responsible for the 2006 Duke Lacrosse Scandal - plus Duke Volleyball and unsung hero white pills at the end

## **¶Zach Rausch**

✳️ **The Youth Mental Health Crisis is International, Unless You Rely on a Flawed International Dataset** — Researchers need to stop using the Global Burden of Disease study when analyzing mental health trends