



Russia Ukraine Peace Negotiations

(U) This infographic provides an insight to the Russia Ukraine Peace Negotiations. Since the war began on February 24, 2022, peace talks have sought to end the conflict. Putin demands recognition of Crimea's annexation and assurance that Ukraine won't join NATO, while Zelensky calls for complete withdrawal, the return of abducted individuals, and NATO and EU membership.

The Trump administration is losing hope of quickly securing a peace deal in Ukraine. Initial hopes of a ceasefire by April/May and a lasting peace soon after are fading. Officials now believe the war is likely to drag on, requiring continued Western support for Ukraine.

Frustration is growing with both Russia and Ukraine. While President Trump initially trusted Putin's commitment to peace, the White House is now increasingly wary of Putin's intentions and frustrated by his "maximalist" demands – including rollbacks of NATO military activity and no peacekeepers in Ukraine. There's also frustration with Ukraine's handling of negotiations and a potential minerals deal.

The administration is considering increased pressure on both sides. This includes potential new tariffs and sanctions on Russia (possibly including secondary tariffs on Russian oil) and potentially adjusting the proposed peace deal to be more appealing to Ukraine. However, there's skepticism that economic pressure alone will sway Russia.

Key sticking points remain. Russia isn't accepting current U.S. proposals, and both sides continue to engage in attacks even after agreeing to ceasefires for energy infrastructure and the Black Sea.



Volodymyr Zelensky and Vladimir Putin pictured shaking hands (Fake) — but not with each other



Members of delegations from Ukraine and Russia,

The situation is becoming increasingly complicated, and a swift resolution appears less likely.

Source: [Trump officials eye a longer road to Ukraine peace as frustration mounts](#) (Reuters); [Ukraine's lead negotiator says talks with Russia could take months](#) (ABC News) ; [The inside story of Russia and Ukraine's "Peace" talks](#) (The Times)