



Ukraine: “No Matter How Long It Takes” (11/19/22)

Do we mean that literally? What does “how long it takes” mean? Take what? Where do our interests and objectives lie long term? Clearly, our support up until now makes sense. The Ukraine was attacked, and we correctly came to its aid.

However, are the Ukrainian long-term goals and our interests compatible? Where might they collide? Does Ukraine plan to fight until every inch of territory is returned? And does that include the port of Sevastopol (Crimea)?

Crimea is the last place the Russians would abandon without a major fight. It is strategically a critical outlet since it is a 12-month warm water port. It allows the Russians to control commercial as well as other interests.

If the Ukrainians plan on retaking Crimea, do we support them? This above all else would bring us and our allies directly into conflict with Russia and a likely war. How far are we prepared to go? **The public has a right to know.**