

# Ukraine

**Over the past 12 months,  
the US spent 0.21 per cent of GDP  
on military support for Ukraine.**

**That is slightly less than it spent  
in an average year on in its ill-fated  
Afghanistan intervention.**

**In Iraq the spend was three times larger.  
The Korean war cost the US 13 times as much.  
Lend-Lease aid for the British empire in the  
second world war ran to 15 times as much  
in proportional terms. ...**

**To support the American-led operation to oust  
Saddam Hussein from the oilfields of Kuwait,  
Germany gave three times as much as it  
is offering to Ukraine in bilateral aid.**

**Adam Tooze, Financial Times, Feb. 24, 2023**