

Ukraine

Putin's assault threatens the core values and interests on which postwar Europe is built: inviolability of frontiers; peaceful co-operation among states; and democracy.

It particularly threatens the security of the countries closest to Russia, which were, not long ago, inside the Soviet empire.

If Putin wins, who comes next? No line can be drawn between our values and our interests, whatever "realists" suggest.

Our values are our interests.

This war is for a way of life built on the ideal of freedom from destructive coercion by thugs like Putin. This makes it our war, too.

Martin Wolf, Financial Times, February 28, 2023