

# **Ukraine**

**So why are Putin's sympathisers making such inroads into the Republican party?**

**Because Putin is Biden's enemy, and the enemy of your enemy is your friend. It is not much more complicated than that.**

**There are genuine Putin backers on America's hard right.**

**But the bulk of his American fellow-travellers are dark opportunists, like Donald Trump.**

**Anything that is harmful to Biden is good for them.**

**Ukraine's defeat would thus be good for Republicans.**

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