

The International Response to the Russo-Ukrainian War

1. What were/are the different international responses to the war?
2. How have these responses affected the course of the war?

THE EUROPEAN RESPONSE

Sanctions

- Sanctions are harsher and more effective than in 2014
- EU left carve-outs in sanctions to make swift action politically feasible

Aid

- Military and humanitarian aid started strong, but might waver as the war drags on
- EU Support: Ukrainian accession a surprising and positive development

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THE AMERICAN RESPONSE

Coalition Building

- Engaged NATO, G7 Allies
- Effective coordinated response

Sanctions

- Broad range of sanctions against individuals, companies, regime supporters
- International aggressive enforcement

Aid

- Aid growth proportionate to perception of victory
- New Congress a wild card

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THE NON-WESTERN RESPONSE

Pro-Russia

- Justify Russia's invasion (Syria)
- Blame the U.S. for undermining international peace (Iran)
- Offer support to Russia in the war (North Korea)

Neutral

- Leaning towards Russia (China, India)
- Completely neutral (Bangladesh)

Pro-Ukraine

- Sanctions on Russia (Japan, South Korea)
- **Condemnation (141 vote at UN)**

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