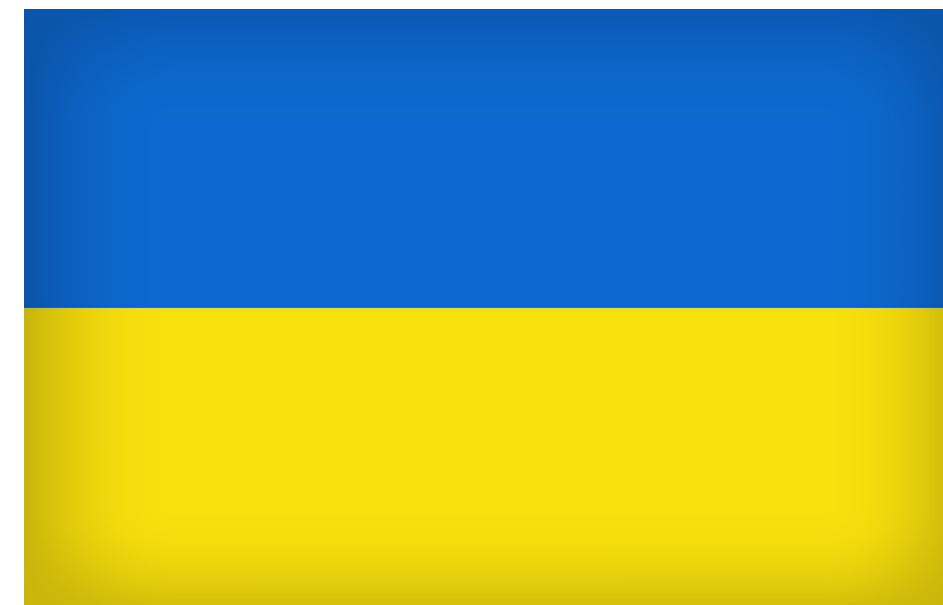




Section 4

UKRAINE UNDER FULL-SCALE ATTACK

Explosions Heard Across Country; Biden Says World Will Hold Russia Accountable



Source: NYT, as of 2/24/22 8:53am ET

Updates: Crisis in Ukraine

- Earlier this week:
 - Putin signs decrees recognizing Donetsk and Luhansk as independent
 - Putin orders Russian troops to enter the regions as “peacekeepers”
 - U.S. and allies coordinate financial sanctions against Russia
- In the last 24 hours:
 - Putin announces “special military operation” in Ukraine
 - Zelensky makes direct appeal to the Russian people
 - Russian forces attack Ukraine by land, air, and sea

Why did bargaining fail?

1. Commitment problem
 - Putin was “all threats, no assurances” ([Kydd](#))
2. Private information/incentives to misrepresent
 - Aggravated by transparency/accountability issues
3. Status dissatisfaction and greed

What's next?

5 scenarios:

1. Regime change
2. Annexation
3. Imperial overreach
4. Great power war
5. Withdraw

3 governing variables:

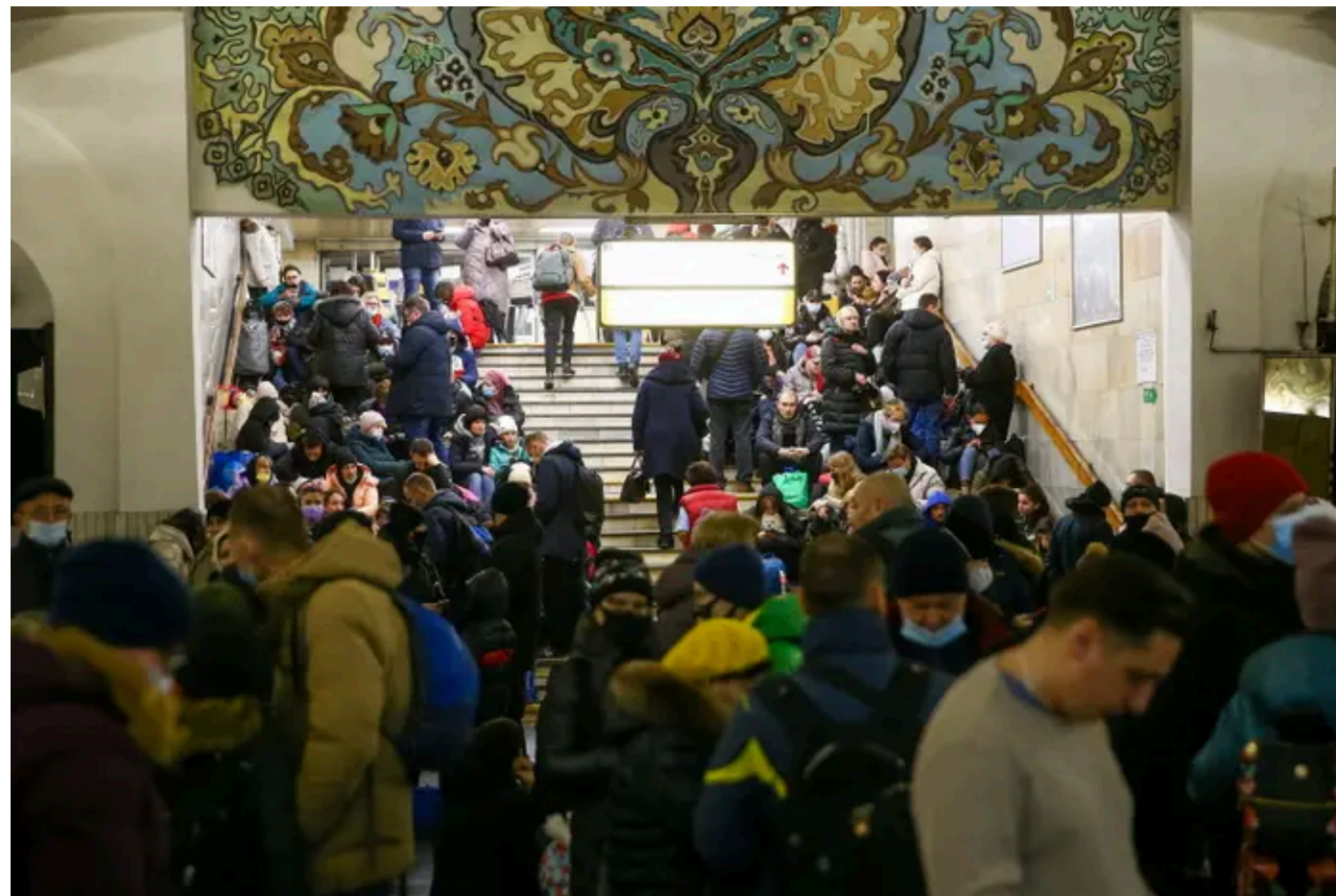
1. Putin's war aims
2. Offense-defense balance
3. Efficacy of international response

Thousands Of Ukrainians Are Hiding Out In Subway Stations During Russia's Full-Scale Invasion

Ukrainians packed their bags, bundled up against the cold, and took shelter in underground subway stations after Russia's onslaught of attacks early Thursday morning.



by **Clarissa-Jan Lim**
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People take shelter in a crowded subway station in Kyiv.

Viacheslav Ratynskiy / Reuters

U.S. says Russia has a list of Ukrainians to kill or detain after an invasion.



By **Edward Wong, Julian E. Barnes and Anton Troianovski**

Feb. 21, 2022

WASHINGTON — The United States government has sent a letter to the United Nations human rights chief in Geneva saying it has “credible information” that Russian forces have compiled a list of Ukrainian citizens to be killed or sent to detention camps in the aftermath of a Russian invasion and occupation of the country, according to [a copy of the letter](#) obtained Sunday by The New York Times.

The letter, which was addressed to Michelle Bachelet, the United Nations high commissioner for human rights, also said Russian forces planned to carry out widespread human rights violations, which in the past have included torturing and kidnapping civilians.

The likely targets would be people opposed to Russian actions, including dissidents from Russia and Belarus living in Ukraine, journalists, anti-corruption activists and members of ethnic and religious minorities and the L.G.B.T.Q. community.

Source: NYT



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War is not just a set of numbers or symbols to analyze or a testing ground for various theories. It is also the lives of actual individuals, at risk of death and untold suffering because of decisions they do not control. It is tragic. My thoughts are with the people of Ukraine.

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Approaches to solidarity with Ukraine

Types of support	Ways to support
Information consumption and production	Be cautious of material you share (be wary of war propaganda/misinformation and graphic images)
Relief and humanitarian assistance	Consider donating to relief organizations like Nova Ukraine, Red Cross, and the UN Ukraine Humanitarian Fund (this is a humanitarian crisis, and people will be hurt and displaced)
Public policy	Advocate for protections for refugees; nonviolent protests in solidarity with Ukrainians

Reflection

1. If a classmate or family member asks you to help them understand the invasion of Ukraine, what would you say?
2. Is IR theory useful for real world situations? Should IR theory be used to inform policymaking?